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February 12, 1940. 10797

CHAN SHU MING

Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to The Trustee Act 1925 that all persons having claims against the estate of the above who died at Hongkong on the 6th day of December 1938 intestate are hereby requested to send particulars to the undersigned on or before the 16th April 1940 AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

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February 14, 1940. 10812

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Shanghai, February 6, 1940. 10762

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Office of Messrs. Beck and Swann, No. 17 The Bund, Shanghai, on Wednesday, February 21, 1940 at 4.45 p.m. when the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended October 31, 1939 will be presented to the Shareholders.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from February 14 to February 21, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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Secretaries.

Shanghai, January 25, 1940. 10471

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Directors have this day declared a Second Interim Dividend for the year ending April 30, 1940, at the rate of Ten Cents Local Currency per share to be paid to Members on record on Friday, February 23, 1940.

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Shanghai, February 6, 1940. 10708

To-day's Events

FEBRUARY

14 Indian Merchants Association, Annual Meeting, 391 Kiangse Road, 5
14 Sctrs.' meeting, 34 Museum Rd., 5.30
14 NCDN broadcast 12.45 and 9 p.m. XMHD 760kc. 395m.
14 St. Valentine's Day
14 Singapore Naval Base opened (1938)

Coming Events

FEBRUARY

15 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
15 Royal Asiatic Society Lecture
15 'Tales of Hoffmann', Grand Opera by J. Offenbach, gala production, Lyc., 8.45
15 For. Y. Debate: 'Cosmetics and Woman's Beauty'
15 Pinette-Quartette A.W.C., 9
17 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
17 "Tales of Hoffmann,' Lyceum, 8.45
17 Betar Dance, A.W.C., 9
18 'Tales of Hoffmann', Lyceum, 8.45
18 Municipal Orchestra Concert, Lyc., 5.15
19 S.A.C.S. Medhurst Lounge, 'Ku Embroideries'
19 Engineering Society Meeting, 5.45
20 A.W.C. Book Review, 4.45
20 For. Y. Lecture: "The Whangpoo—Shanghai's River', by Mr. N. Maas
20 A.D.C. 'Lilac Time', Lyceum, 9
20 Tuesday Evening Club, 'Ladies Night'
21 A.D.C. 'Lilac Time', Lyceum, 9
22 Royal Society of St. George, annual general meeting, Shanghai Club, 5.30
22 A.D.C. 'Lilac Time', Lyceum, 9
23 Australian and New Zealand Society of Shanghai, annual general meeting
23 Rotary Club, American Club, 8.
23 A.D.C. "Lilac Time, Lyceum, 9
24 A.D.C. 'Lilac Time', Lyceum, 2.30
24 A.D.C. 'Lilac Time', Lyceum, 9
24 Portuguese Ladies Benevolent Society Concert, College Municipale, 9
24 Veglione di Mezzaquaresima, Casa d'Italia, ore 21.30
25 A.T.A. 'Dover Road,' aid of Jewish Ladies Benevolent Society Hospital Fund, S.J.S., 5.30.
26 Grand Concert by Mme Denies, dramatic soprano, assisted by Municipal Orchestra, Lyceum, 9.15
27 A.W.C. Bridge and Mahjongg, 3
27 For. Y. Lecture: 'Education' by Dr. R. J. McMullen
27 Piano recital by Miss Wincia Tomaszewska, Polish pianist, Lyceum, 9.15
28 A.W.C. Concert, Mrs. Seidl-Margolinski, Mr. Warschauer, 9
29 Ranger Leap Yr. Din. Dance, A.W.C. 8
29 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
29 Cradle Bridge/Mahjongg. S.I.B.C., 3

MARCH

5 'Lilliom,' in aid of Friends of Finland Fund, Lyceum Theatre, 9.15
6 'Lilliom,' in aid of Friends of Finland Fund, Lyceum Theatre, 9.15
7 Community Church Organ Concert, 9
7 Lilliom,' in aid of Friends of Finland Fund, Lyceum Theatre, 9.15
8 'Lilliom,' in aid of Friends of Finland Fund, Lyceum Theatre, 9.15
8 A.W.C. Song Recital, Irmgard Menzel, 9
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NOTICE NO. 12031 *(Translation)*

In re Application for Letters of Administration of Estate of The Late MICHAIL GRIGORIEVICH EPSTEIN *(Moisha-Movsha Gershovich), Russian*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public that:

WHEREAS Annie Epstein has filed a petition with this Court for issuance to her of Letters of Administration for the above-mentioned Estate, stating in essence that her deceased father Michail Grigorievich Epstein, Russian, died in 1939, at Shanghai, leaving, in the name of M. G. Epstein, a cash order (Sola of Exchange) No. 26898, amounting to US$100, payable on June 24, 1938, with the Chase Bank, and deposits of Sterling Saving Account No. 3193, amounting to £90 9 4; of US Dollar Saving Account No. 3194, amounting to US$747.32; and of Shanghai Dollar Current Account amounting to CNC$12,990.83, with the same Bank; and a deposit of US Dollar Saving Account No. 16869 amounting to US$19.85, and of Shanghai Dollar Current Account amounting to CNC$0.28, with the National City Bank of New York; and a deposit of Chinese National Currency No. 26, amounting to CNC$6.37, with the Asiatic Credit Company; a deposit of Chinese National Currency amounting to CNC$6.11, with the Netherlands Trading Society; and a deposit of Current Account No. 10043, amounting to CNC$4.83, with the Bank of China, Yates Road Office; and two Insurance Policies, No. 601381 dated January 18, 1938 and No. 484197 dated January 19, 1938, the amount of both of them being Canadian Currency $1,395.31, with the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company. The above-mentioned Estate should be inherited and administred by the petitioner.

NOW THEREFORE publication hereof is made in the newspapers to notify the public that whosoever objects to such petition shall file such objection with this Court within the period commencing from the first day of publication and ending on the twentieth day after the last day of publication. If no objection has been filed within the specified period of time, this Court will forthwith grant Letters of Administration of the said Estate.

December 14, 1939.

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Prophecy:

Heine on Germany's Drama

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Sometimes masterpieces of antiquity are discovered which exemplify to such an amazing degree modern standards of beauty that they appear to have just left the artist's studio. Reading Heinrich Heine's "History of Religion and Philosophy in Germany," I had a similar strange sensation as to the realistic modern application of his prophetic words.

For the British reader who might not be so familiar with the names of the leading gentlemen of the 1,000 year's Reich, I would like to explain that by the dangerous type of "natural philosopher," Heine means a man exactly like Rosenberg, ill-famed by his book "Myth of the Twentieth Century."

Heine's words read, in literal translation:

I feel a methodical people like ours couldn't but begin with the Reformation, then deal with philosophy, and only later initiate the political revolution. This order seems to be quite logical, because after the achievement of the revolutionary aims the heads of the philosophers might be cut off by the revolutionaries, and that for any suitable purpose....

The German revolution will not be milder because preceded by Kant's critical writings, Fichte's idealism, or by natural philosophers. Those doctrines fermented the revolutionary movements which once will flare up in Germany, and the whole world will feel horror mixed with admiration. There will appear followers of Kant who also in the realm of events don't want to know of any piety, and they will plough without mercy, with sword and axe, the soil of Europe in order to exterminate all roots of the past (Goebbels: "The French Revolution shall be in Germany but an incident in history.").

But more terrible than all will be the natural philosopher who will play an active part in a German revolution and who will identify himself with the work of destruction. The natural philosopher will be terrible on account of his close spiritual relation to the primitive powers of nature. He will conjure the demoniacal forces of old German pantheism, and then that love for warfare will rise again, that lust for battle typical of the Germans of antiquity: no fight for destruction or victory, but only for fighting. Christianity—and this is its best merit—has tamed to some extent that brutal love for warfare, but was unable to extinguish it. And once the appeasing talisman, the cross of Christ, is broken, then again will rule the savage fighters of antiquity, with senseless berserk fury, of which the Nordic poets so often sang. This talisman is decayed and the day will come when it deplorably will break. The old stone gods rise up from the ruins and rub the 1,000 years' dust out of their eyes, and god Thor with his giant hammer springs up and splits the Gothic altars.

If you, French neighbours, then hear the rumbling and crashing and clangour, don't intervene in the issues at stake in Germany. It might go ill for you. Be careful neither to stir the fire nor to quench it, you could easily burn your fingers in the flames. Don't laugh at my advice, the advice of a dreamer, who warns you against the followers of Kant, Fichte and the natural philosophers. Don't laugh at the fantast who in the realm of events is expecting the same revolution which has already taken place in the realm of the spirit. The thought precedes the action as lightning the thunder. But the German thunder is also a German, and very intractable. It is coming very slowly, but the thunder will come. And when you hear crashing as never before it crashed in world history, then you will understand that the German thunder has hit the ground. At this explosion the eagles will fall down dead from the air and the lions in the desert of Africa will take their tails between the legs and hide themselves in their holes.

A drama will be played in Germany such that the French Revolution will appear as a harmless idyll. Now it is relatively quiet, but don't be deceived by the officious blustering busy-bodies. They are not the real fighters, but only puppets in the empty arena before the hour comes when there the gladiators will stand to fight for life or death. And the hour will come. As on the tiers of an amphitheatre the peoples will group around Germany and watch the Olympian games. I advise you again, Frenchmen, be very quiet then and, for God's sake, don't applaud. We could easily misunderstand you, and uncourteous as we are, we could reprimand you. Sometimes we were unable to overcome you when we were oppressed, but this would be far easier for us in the exuberance of a recently gained freedom. You know yourselves what one can do in such a mood, even though you are no longer in such an excited state. Watch carefully. I have only the best wishes for you and therefore I tell you the truth:

You have to fear much more from the renascent Germany than from the whole Holy Alliance together with all Croats and Cossacks. You are not viewed favourably in Germany, and this seems to be incomprehensible, because you are so friendly and amiable and cared so much to please at least the better and more beautiful half of the German people, during your occupation of Germany. But even if this half of the German people loved you, it was only that half without arms and whose friendship is of no value for you.

I don't really understand the arguments against you. Once in the beer-cellar of Goettingen, a young German mentioned that *revanche* should be asked for Conrad von Stauffen, who was beheaded by the French in Naples. You, certainly, have completely forgotten it. But we don't forget anything. You see, if we like to start a quarrel with you, good reasons will be at hand. Anyhow, I advise you again to watch carefully. Whatever may happen in Germany, be prepared and armed, stay quietly at your post, rifle in hand. I intend but the best for you and I was really frightened when I learned that your ministers wished France to be disarmed.

You remember Olympus. Amongst the nude gods and goddesses delighting themselves with nectar and ambrosia, you see a goddess who in the midst of joy and play always bears armour, keeps the helmet on her head and the lance in her hand. She is the Goddess of Wisdom.

(DR.) THEODOR S. WEINER.

Shanghai, Feb. 13.

Wang Ching-wei:

China and the New Order

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I read with great interest the two-column letter of MR. C. C. LI elucidating the good points and worthiness of Mr. Wang Ching-wei's new Central Government.

One point that is not quite clear is whether the present status of Manchoukuo would be considered a good enough model for the new, independent China—one of the trinity of the new order in East Asia.

J. C. DE B.

Shanghai, Feb. 13.

No Peace at Any Price

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—The majority of foreigners in Shanghai when discussing Chinese politics, be it the New Central Government, Wang Ching-wei, the Sino-Japanese Peace terms, end up by branding Wang Ching-wei as a traitor, or, which amounts to the same thing, a puppet.

To accuse any one of being a traitor is an incitement to murder and should not be tolerated, especially by neutrals.

As one totally disinterested in Chinese politics but sympathetic towards the Chinese people who have always been known as a peace-loving race, I am beginning to admire the pluck of this man Wang who is endeavouring to obtain peace for his country, not peace at any price, for if it were, he would have been at the head of another puppet régime long before now, flying the five-barred flag. But, as I understand, his government, when formed, will retain the Kuomintang Party flag; besides, the Peace terms he demands are causing heated debates in the Japanese Government, is this not also a sign that it is not peace at any cost he is after?

One look around us here in Shanghai: the refugee camps, Chapei and Nantao, is sufficient to show us what a war can do and is still doing. For one man to brave all obstacles, be he Wang, Chang or Lee, and to put a stop to all this carnage, desolation and misery, by bringing much-hoped-for peace, I can only say what my religion teaches me, "Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called the children of God."

PENSEE.

Shanghai, Feb. 13.

Peace Terms:

Question of Translation

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—The impending establishment of the new government under Mr. Wang Ching-wei will affect the future of China, and therefore affect Chinese citizens more intimately than it would foreigners. I, a Chinese, am interested in the "terms." We all speculate as to the veracity of the terms made public by Messrs. Kao and Tao, former followers of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, which "terms" were later denied by the latter among several others. Not wishing now to go into the veraciousness of the alleged terms (which later on we are assured will be published by Mr. Wang's government) I would appreciate it, however, if you would give publicity to one very important point, which at the time the "terms" were published, gave a false impression. This concerns the important question of "indemnity." So far as I can gather the Chinese text as published by several Chinese newspapers in Shanghai, the following passage occurred: （新中央政府賠償本事變以來日本國臣民在華所受權利利益之損失） which, when translated, should read:

> "The New Central Government to compensate the legitimate claims for losses suffered by Japanese nationals since the beginning of the hostilities."

Reuters had circulated and you had published in your paper of January 22 last, a different translation; to wit:

> The agreement is stated to further provide that the proposed new Central Government, after inauguration, shall indemnify all losses sustained by the Japanese nation in China since the beginning of the war."

At that time I took Reuters' translation as authoritative, I was dismayed by the impression that Mr. Wang Ching-wei had "sold out" the nation. Recently, however, I had time to read the Chinese text. Although I did not compare other points I at once was struck by the difference between (賠款) "indemnity" and (賠償) "compensation" and noticed this difference in the version given by Reuters and my reading of the Chinese text, and the impression I had from reading your paper was changed by this important difference.

I suggest it is the obligation of every news agency and newspaper, expecially foreign, if they are to disseminate correct news, to print exact translations; and if there is any doubt at all, to qualify it by stating the fact that the translation is not exact. I believe such an attitude would go a long way to remove all possibility of misunderstanding by the public.

LUX VIDI.

Shanghai, Feb. 11.

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Shanghai's Health:

Need for Precautions

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—May I through the medium of your paper express my admiration for the fine work being done by the Salvation Army in providing nourishment for thousands of the city's destitute Chinese.

May I also call to the attention of the medical authorities the very apparent threat to public health which is sure to come at the beginning of this summer, in spite of the Salvation Army's efforts to feed these decaying specimens of humanity.

It is not difficult to foresee or to imagine the possibility of widespread disease resulting from public exposure of these walking cases of physical corruption, nor is it hard to predict an increase in the city's cholera and smallpox death roll for 1940.

I am neither a student of medicine nor a public health officer and therefore am not in a position to offer professional advice, but am able, however, to see the inevitable, and to recommend to the care of those whose duty it is, the urgent task of cleaning up Avenue Edward VII and disposing of these human derelicts, before the heat of June 1940 heralds a new high in Shanghai's death rate.

V.C.T.

Shanghai, Feb. 12.

An Advertisement:

Question of Behaviour

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—The advertisement in your today's issue reading:

> Would the beautiful lady who was in the French Club on Friday night February 9, wearing a black evening dress, a red flower at her waist and a black fur collar across her shoulders, please communicate with several gentlemen who admired her. Address Box 1229 NCDN.

is very interesting. Evidently the collective admirers are members of the French Club or were the guests of members of said club, and they should know that "Quo licet Jovi non licet bovi." Real gentlemen know very well how to find the way to be introduced to a lady in decent manner. In my opinion, if the lady in black is a real lady in full meaning of this word, she will not give any attention whatsoever to this advertisement.

A MAN.

Shanghai, Feb. 13.

Tram Tickets:

Question of Legality

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent PASSENGER I would say that the contract, legally speaking, between the Traction Company and the passenger, terminates the moment the passenger leaves the vehicle. In support of this contention I would refer to the notices that are posted in the public vehicles, exhorting passengers to destroy their tickets upon alighting. Therefore, once having alighted, the Company's inspector contravenes the instructions made public, in demanding to see a ticket when standing upon the roadway.

I have often been a witness to the procedure brought to notice by PASSENGER and trust that fitting instructions will forthwith be issued to the inspectors concerned, so that an end might be brought to the unlawful and annoying tactics of these officials.

AUSTRAL.

Shanghai, Feb. 13.

High Prices?

And Local Dollar Man

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I have given my mite to the S.A. Rice Van, thus doing unto the poorer what I expect the richer to do unto me.

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And then spinach at 18 cents makes me wonder what would happen to Pop-eye if he lived in Shanghai.

P. B. PUBLICO.

Shanghai, Feb. 13.

Friends of Finland:

Gift From Outport

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Inspired by the letter of January 31 from MR. K. A. PERSEN, which appeared in your columns on February 1, I enclose a cheque for $500 with the request that you be good enough to send it to MR. PERSEN for the Friends of Finland Fund. I have no birthday anniversary to celebrate just now but I wish to celebrate the 126th day after my last anniversary: it seems to me that any day of the year—indeed every day of Finland's heroic resistance—is worthy of celebration in such manner.

ANOTHER DANE.

Outport, Feb. 6.

U.S. Peace Moves:

Elucidation Wanted

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—In view of recent harrowing effusions on the part of local Scandinavian "Friends of Finland," perhaps some of the latter could offer enlightenment on the Copenhagen telegram published in today's "N.C.D.N." under the heading "Neutrals' Hope Rises Over U.S. Peace Efforts" in which it is stated that "the western conflict would be insoluble unless the Russo-Finnish war was terminated."

Exactly what bearing has the Russo-Finnish conflict on Anglo-French-German hostilities and how would a settlement of the former question facilitate solution of the latter?

Particular point is added to this query by the fact that hostilities on the Western Front antedated the Finnish conflict by a considerable period of time.

JACK CADE.

Shanghai, Feb. 12.

Wanted:

In Search of a Book

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Would one of your readers be so kind as to give me some information concerning a book which I wish to obtain.

The book is "Le Jardin des Supplices." Who is the author of the book? Is there an English translation, and if so what is the title? Where can this book be obtained locally?

BOOK-WORM.

Shanghai, Feb. 12.

Small Money:

Another Plea for Action

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Now that the New Year festivities have passed and business is once again functioning normally, I am sure the authorities or persons concerned could spare enough time to discuss, decide and take action re the small money problem.

That the position has to be faced before the warm weather approaches is definite or there will be a far greater expenditure of money in combating disease spread by filthy coupons than other sources.

That each and every individual responsible for the issuing of these notes (without official permission) as an advertising medium can be prosecuted under Municipal and French by-laws, as against the public health of the Settlement and Concession, is without a doubt, but—will action be taken?

As an example, if a person contracts small-pox from a note (unofficially issued), and medical proof is obtained, then, (according to law), the person issuing the note is an accessory before the fact of the death or sickness of the person concerned, as in the majority of instances the notes are issued by licensed concerns who, by issuing the notes, infringe the article pertaining to Public Health.

SMALL FRY.

Shanghai, Feb. 11.

The Dog Kennels:

Some Questions Asked

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Could anyone inform me why dogs kept in the kennels belonging to the International Settlement do not get enough straw and are forced to lie on a cement floor? Why the International Settlement does not employ a foreigner under the sub-inspector in charge, as is done in the French Concession, and one recommended by the Shanghai Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals? Are the owners of the dogs having licences, kept in the kennels, informed by letters through the police?

A suggestion: If there is no co-operation between the French and the Settlement authorities in case of dogs having French licence plates being kept in the International Settlement kennels, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals should be informed. They surely will go to any trouble in finding owners.

A DOG LOVER.

Shanghai, Feb. 12.

Victim of Railway Bombing Honoured

Hanoi, Feb. 13.

A Buddhist ceremony was celebrated at Quang Pagoda here today to the memory of the Annamite victims of the Yunnan railway bombing of February 1.

Among those attending were General Catroux, the Governor-General of Indo-China, and a number of officials.

M. Bodin, Director of the French-owned Indo-China Yunnan Railway, delivered a brief address in which he praised the co-operation of the Annamites in keeping up the efficiency of the railroad.—Havas.

U.S. President Sends Message to Emperor

Washington, Feb. 12.

A personal message of felicitation was addressed by President Roosevelt yesterday to His Imperial Japanese Majesty Hirohito on the occasion of the 26th centenary of the Japanese Empire's foundation by Jimmu, fifth-generation descendant of the Sun Goddess. "On the occasion of this memorable anniversary," the President stated, "I am happy to address to you my very sincere wishes for the happiness of Your Majesty and your family.—Havas.

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N.Y.K. Puts More Ships On European Run

Vessels to Visit London And Liverpool

Tokyo, Feb. 13.

Assignment of eight more Nippon Yusen Kaisha vessels to the European run next month was announced by company officials here today.

Four H-class ships will call at Liverpool after touching Bombay. Ships in this class are the Hakusan Maru, Haruna Maru, Hakone Maru and Hakozaki Maru.

The Fushimi Maru, Suwa Maru, Taketoyo Maru and the Kashimi Maru will call at London, but will not stop at Bombay. N.Y.K. service to London was suspended a short time ago.

The Taketoyo Maru is now operating on the South American run, while the Kashima Maru is now being used for costal service.

The Hakone Maru, the first ship to leave for Europe under the new arrangement, will depart from Yokohama on March 12. The Taketoyo Maru sails for London at the end of March.—Domei.

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF FEBRUARY 14, 1870

Five men were charged with stealing two candlesticks and one incense burner, from a tea shop in Shantung Road, though only two of them took an active part in the robbery. The following are the particulars. The five men went into the shop ostensibly to have a cup of tea together; two of the party watched their opportunity, and ran off with the above named articles, the remaining three were arrested, one of whom offered to point out the thieves. In this way, they were soon apprehended, and the whole five brought up before Magistrate Chen this morning. He sentenced the first of the thieves to 100 blows and 7 days cangue, the second to 100 blows and the three accomplices to 80 blows each.

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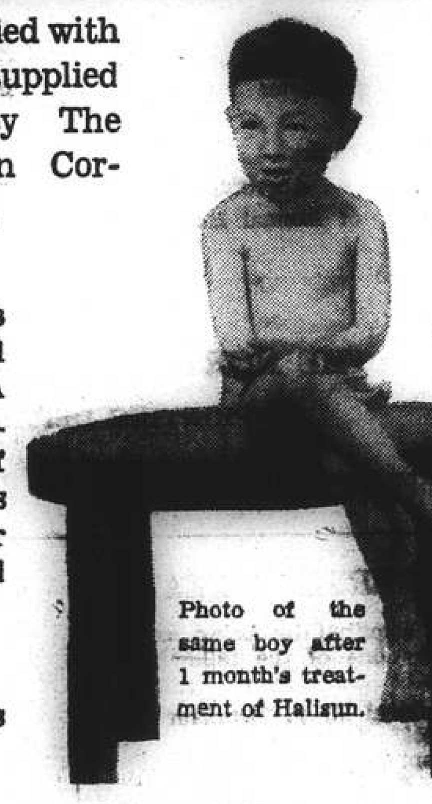
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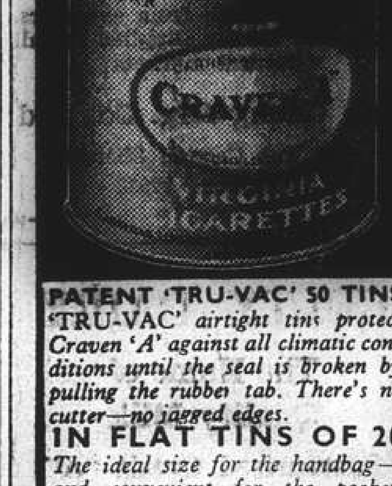

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Hunan Province Fairly Quiet

Several Chinese Planes Destroyed During Raids, But Business Improving

(Delayed in Transit)

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Siangtan, Hu., Jan. 20.

No raids of any consequence have been reported in Hunan, since the serious bombing of airfields in the three cities of Hengyang, Chenhsien and Shaoyang, when it is reported that several Chinese planes were hit. Five Chinese aeroplanes arrived late one evening in Chenhsien and the next morning a squad of enemy planes bombed the field and got two planes which because of lack of gasoline or need of repairs did not get away. Three got away before the planes arrived. In Shaoyang the airfield was severely bombed and some new planes were destroyed.

The motor road between Siangtan and Hengsan which was destroyed at the time of the enemy campaign against Changsha, has been completely repaired. This road is very essential at present because of the low water in the river and the difficulty of getting passengers and freight to Lo Keo, terminus of the Hankow railway. Transport of coal and other commodities coming down river is difficult and expensive, for only the smallest Chinese craft can pass the rapids because of low water. Coal went up to $2 for one picul and was hard to get at any price. The motor road will not help that traffic but passengers and soldiers will find it more convenient to travel, now that the road is open.

Rice has advanced in price to almost double its autumn prices in a few weeks time. There has been some effort to stablize prices, but without much result so far. The farmers are holding out for higher prices and so rice is not coming in in great quantities. Ten thousand piculs were sent recently to Kwangsi, and that helps to keep prices up.

Salt Monopoly

Salt is government controlled, and there is a great deal of suffering in country places because of the injustice of the manner of distribution. People must register and a few ounces only is permitted for each member of a family, but when it gets to the country, it is often wet, adulterated and uneatable. Favouritism and profiteering exist. There seems to be sufficient salt if it could only be properly distributed. Country people come to the city trying to get salt but go away disappointed. Many places are so remote that none is obtainable. Five county officials are being changed, and one wonders whether the salt scandal is not at least partially the cause.

Travel between here and Changsha is slow and tedious, for only the smallest launches, often pulling several small Chinese boats, can pass the rapids, and it takes all day to make the trip.

The Hunan-Hweichow Railway staff is moving out this week to other fields of labour. Their furniture has been stored and one man is being left to look after it. Siangtan has become a forwarding centre for export materials, and the China Trust Co., has opened offices in the city.

The railway to Siangsiang and the motor road as well are torn up. This motor road was the first piece of road built and an American engineer was in charge. It has been a model for Hunan roads, and it seems a pity that it should have had to be destroyed. Chair-bearers are reaping a harvest again for they charge $2 for one day with extra for rice on the way. The covered wheel barrow has come into use on some country roads. It is slower than the sedan chair but takes only one man to push it, but so many country roads are out of repair that this sort of locomotion leaves much to be desired.

Shops Closed During the Day

Siangtan is crowded with people again. No alarms for a few days so people creep back, but the "nine to four" for closed shops and streets clear still holds. Most of the schools are closed and students are moving back for winter vacation. The primary schools have had difficulty in carrying on because most of them were located on the streets, and could not continue there, and also because many families have moved to the country. The Presbyterian Guild School has had almost an uninterrupted term of work except for a week or two at the end of September when enemy occupation was feared.

The writer visited the southern part of the province recently and found that Chenhsien and Kweiyanghsien which have been comparatively free from air-raids have been carrying on with increased populations due to refugees. Business seems to have prospered.

Refugees From Kuangtung

The first of the year saw many refugees from northern Kuangtung when Saokwan was evacuated in the Chenhsien area, but they only stayed a few days and went back by train. It was rather interesting to see the locomotives steam out of town when an air alarm came. The new motor road from Chenhsien to Kweiyanghsien is well built and has some scenic sections, specially near Chenhsien. Some very sharp curves are necessary, but it was a real pleasure to go over that road—38 km. long—in less than an hour when it used to take the writer a hard day's travel.

Changsha has had a large influx of people since the scare last autumn and it is reported that goods which had been taken to the country before the great fire have been brought back and business is good.

Mr. Dwight Rugh of Yale in China has gone to meet Mr. E. C. Lobenstine in Kweiyang. The Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Birkel came from Shanghai recently and Dr. and Mrs. Phillip Greene are expected back from Shanghai soon and are going to Kweichow to teach in the Siangya medical school.

Travel is slow and inconvenient but there are many going and coming. The hope of the end of war this year is widespread.

Founder and secretary of the Eccentric Club, Mr. Jack Harrison, father of Phyllis and Dorothy Monkman and Beryl Harrison the actresses, died in London on January 10 at the age of 83. He was known as the "King of the Bohemians" and under his leadership the Eccentric Club raised nearly £300,000 for charity.

Former Russian Now Pro-Finland

While his brother, General G. M. Stern, leads the Soviet forces against the Finns, Morris Stern (above) waits on customers in his modest Los Angeles grocery store. Morris Stern's sympathies are with Finland and as a naturalized American, he does not disguise them.

Coal Situation in Shanghai Has Gloomy Outlook

High Shipping Rates Responsible for Abnormal Soaring Cost; Little Profit to Dealers

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

SHANGHAI is in a bad way at present as far as coal is concerned, with that precious commodity selling on the market at the unbelievable price of $220 a ton. And the future holds no relief in sight, as the price of coal is climbing steadily from week to week. Now, don't heap mental abuse on your much-berated local coal dealer; the fault does not lie with him, for as a matter of fact the high cost of coal is playing havoc with his business. An investigation into the cause of the Shanghai coal famine by the "North-China Daily News" has brought to light the following factors which contribute to the present coal crisis, namely: the war in China, the drought in Japan and the resultant failure of the Japanese hydro-electric plants, Japanese monopoly of coal produced in China, and the European war.

Before the Sino-Japanese war started in the summer of 1937, local coal merchants were selling their commodity for $16 a ton and were making more money out of the coal business than they are today. This may sound preposterous to irate consumers who are faced with the alternative of forking out the high price demanded for coal today or hibernating for the winter, but it is true. In fact some local dealers are considering deserting the coal trade for the comparatively more secure and lucrative business of selling lawn mowers to the Eskimos.

Most of the coal consumed in Shanghai today is Calcutta coal. This coal, on the docks at Calcutta, costs importers about $36.50 a ton, yet when it is landed in Shanghai it has reached the amazing price of $212 a ton, not including the dealer's profit. The answer is obvious: the high cost of freighting the coal from India to Shanghai is responsible for the terrific price demanded here. Ironically enough China is capable of producing enough coal to fill the demands of practically the entire Far East, but what little coal is being produced in this country now is practically completely monopolized by the Japanese.

Drought In Japan

The continuous drought in Japan which has paralyzed the Japanese hydro-electric system has created an enormous demand for fuel to operate the power plants. Japanese mines, producing only a little over 40,000,000 tons of coal each year, cannot meet this demand and consequently the country is forced to import coal. Practically all the coal mined in the Japanese occupied areas in China is shipped direct to Japan, with a limited quantity being shipped to Shanghai by the Kailan Mining Administration. This coal has been rationed out most fairly among the old customers of the K.M.A. and at a reasonable price.

Even the coal which Japan obtains from China cannot fulfill the country's needs, however, and she is also forced to turn to Indian markets for the fuel. Most of the mines which are in Japanese controlled territory in China have been destroyed, railways which formerly carried the mineral from the mines to the coast have been torn up, and what little coal can be mined after makeshift repairs goes to feed the railway engines of the Japanese military trains. Ironically enough, Japan was able to import more coal from China before the war started than she is today.

War In Europe

The war in Europe contributes to the high price of coal in Shanghai in that the war caused a world-wide increase in shipping rates. Before September 3 the price of Indian coal, landed in Shanghai, was roughly $64 a ton. At that time the time charter rate of shipping was nine shillings a dead-weight ton but now that rate has risen to 22 shillings and added to the fact that it takes about 50 days to make a round trip from Shanghai to Calcutta the freight price on one ton of coal has increased to the present abnormal figure of $145.

The coal actually costs about $36.50 a ton in Calcutta and this, added to the $145 required for freighting each ton of coal, plus $6.50 importer's commission, $6 customs duty in Shanghai, $3.50 landing charge, $8 lost weight and $6 delivery charge makes a ton of coal cost the dealer $212, delivered to his coal yard. Of course the coal dealer is not in the business entirely for his health and he tacks on about 5 per cent. for his modest share, which brings the total to over $220, the sum the consumer has to pay for coal when it finally reaches him.

But it will not remain long at this price. It is significant to note that during the Great War shipping rates rose as high as 52 shillings a dead-weight ton, which is over twice as high as the present figure of 22 shillings, and shipping men believe that rates will climb as high as they were during the last war.

If the war in China ceased, the price of coal, in time, would have a substantial decline because the short distance over which the coal would be freighted would have a negative effect on the shipping rate. For example, it takes 50 days to bring a cargo of coal from Calcutta to Shanghai but a cargo from some China port, such as Tsingtao, could reach Shanghai in three days. Even if the China war did come to a halt, experts figure that it would take fully a year before sufficient coal could be brought to Shanghai to remedy the situation.

The type of coal which has been dealt with up to now is soft coal. Anthracite, or hard coal, is being imported to Shanghai from Indo-China and is selling on the local market for $180 a ton. Coal dealers predict that the price of hard coal will reach the same heights as that of soft coal in a few months as it is doubtful whether or not Indo-China can continue to meet Shanghai demands.

Inspite of the high cost there has been a terrific demand for soft coal in Shanghai. Practically every factory in Shanghai is equipped to burn only soft coal and as long as industry keeps booming there will be a demand for fuel. Biggest consumer of coal in Shanghai is the Shanghai Power Company, whose power plants eat up almost 700,000 tons of coal each year. By agreement with the K.M.A. the power company obtains 300,000 tons from that firm at something like $46 a ton, but the balance, almost 400,000 tons, must be obtained elsewhere at local market prices. The S.P.C. has contracted for coal up to June of this year, but if the price rises higher after that period, the rates for bulk power supply will necessarily increase also.

As far as local merchants are concerned, dealing in coal these days is a risky business, and the dealer has to take all of that risk. A dealer has to advance about $800,000 to order a shipload of coal from Calcutta. Naturally it takes time to place the order and charter a ship and by the time the coal is on its way to Shanghai, hostilities in China may cease, thus causing a sudden psychological drop in the price of the commodity, and the dealer would have to sell out at a loss.

Things Look Black

Indeed, things continue to look black in the coal industry, and that's no pun either. At least as long as the Calcutta market remains open Shanghai will be able to get coal, whatever the price, but it will be recalled that during the Great War there was a government ban on the export of coal from India. The price of coal in India has not increased much since the war began, but there have been no demands upon Indian industry similar to those of the Great War, and if there should be a call for India to expand her manufacturing facilities, it might result in the shutting off of India as a source of coal. Even now, local coal merchants are studying ways and means of importing coal from the United States at a price which would meet the present cost of Calcutta coal.

There is a certain bitter irony about importing coal to China when one realizes the amazing mineral wealth of this country. In certain provinces railways are laid on beds of coal while in others whole stretches of highways are cut through seams of coal and the excess material thrown up in piles for miles along the road, to lie untouched. Truly a case of carrying coals to Newcastle.

Japanese Emperor Felicitated

Many Congratulations on Empire Anniversary; Diet Pledges Full Support

Tokyo, Feb. 13.

Sovereigns and chief executives of many countries cabled personal messages of felicitation to Emperor Hirohito on the occasion of Empire Day.

The Danish and Norwegian Foreign Ministers cabled congratulations to Mr. Hachiro Arita, Foreign Minister. The Soviet Ambassador and the Canadian Minister, following instructions from their Governments, expressed congratulations to Mr. Arita.

Diet Pledges Effort

Adopting unanimously a resolution expressing appreciation for the Empire Day Rescript, members of the House of Representatives today pledged their joint efforts to overcome difficulties of the present national emergency and meet the Emperor's wishes.

The statement was prepared at a meeting of all political party representatives in the Lower House held in the quarters of Mr. Shoju Koyama, Speaker of that chamber, at 10 o'clock.

"We are deeply moved by a sense of gratitude for the gracious Imperial Rescript which was granted to us on the occasion of the 2,600th anniversary of the founding of the Japanese Empire," the resolution stated.

"Facing the present serious situation, we members of the House of Representatives expect to exert ourselves to the utmost in joint efforts to surmount difficulties and enhance national prestige in fulfilment of the Emperor's desires."—Domei.

King George Sends Message

London, Feb. 13.

King George today sent a telegram of good wishes to Emperor Hirohito of Japan on the occasion of the 2,600th anniversary of the foundation of the Japanese Empire.—Havas.

Communist Revolution Plan for Sweden

Police Uncover Plots for Revolt, Spy Organization

Stockholm, Feb. 13.

Plans for a revolution in Sweden, in which "all means would be permissible so long as they lead to the Communist goal," have been discovered in Gothenburg after raids on Communist centres on Saturday, according to the Stockholm radio station.

"The Chief of Police," the wireless report added, "stated that among the finds was a manual on strategy and tactics for the coming revolution. Codes and evidence of espionage activities were also discovered."

The first hurried examination of an enormous mass of documentary material, seized by the police in Saturday's swoop on various Communist premises, leaves no doubt in the minds of the police of the treasonable activities of the Communist Party in Sweden, according to the newspaper "Nya Dagligt Allehanda."

Among the places raided was a villa settlement, 12 miles from Gothenburg, which is said to have been used as a place of refuge for Communists whose positions with the police were irregular, or for foreigners who were not properly registered.

Of the numerous persons detained in Stockholm, only five now remain in custody, the newspaper adds.—Reuter.

Reich Awaits Soviet Victory in Finland

Mediation Effort Improbable Before Red Prestige Mended

Zurich, Feb. 13.

"In the view of the Wilhelmstrasse, Germany is not prepared at the moment to act as an apostle of peace between Russia and Finland," states the Berlin correspondent of the newspaper "Basler Nachrichten." The correspondent adds that stress is placed on the words "at the moment."

Great attention is being paid in Berlin, the writer continues, to Soviet Russia's need for prestige. It is thought that if the constantly-renewed Soviet attacks in Karelia should achieve even moderate success, the question of German mediation ought for the first time to become a reality.

The allegation in the German official "Diplomatische Korrespondenz" that the Western Powers do not wish "in any event to see the war in the north ended," is taken by the "Basler Nachrichten" as one of the many signs that Germany would be relieved to see peace restored in Finland.—Reuter.

Holland Has Coldest Winter on Record

Serious Flood Situation Now Said Developing

Amsterdam, Feb. 13.

With further frost and snow last night, the present winter ranks as the coldest in Holland's history.

According to the Dutch Weather Institute, the record-breaking cold spells of 1855 and 1891 have been left well behind.

The River Waal 20 miles below Nijmegen is ten inches above its normal level, owing to dams caused by ice-flows, hence an increasingly serious flood situation is developing.—Reuter.

New Cold Wave Over Europe

London, Feb. 13.

A new cold wave is sweeping over Europe. Holland is experiencing the coldest winter in her history and ice-breakers are making frantic efforts to break down ice-barriers on the River Waal. Houses in dangerous positions are evacuated and ships moved to safety. The flood menace remains serious.

Central Europe is in the grip of frost. Hungarian temperatures have registered 36 degrees of frost. Many trains are snow-bound and northern districts in Hungary are cut off from the rest of the country.—Reuter.

French Premier Confers With Allied C.-in-C.

Paris, Feb. 12.

The most important military leaders of France gathered in conference at General Marie Gustave Gamelin's simple General Headquarters this morning under the chairmanship of the French Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, concurrently War Minister. The Premier was accompanied by the head of his military staff. Participating in the conference, apart from M. Daladier, his aide and General Gamelin were the commander in chief of French land forces on the north-eastern front, the general commanding Army groups, the general Major-General of the Armies and the general Chief of Staff of the Armies of the Interior.—Havas.

Japan Wants Surrender Of Seized Germans

Methods of Handing Over Discussed in Tokyo

Tokyo, Feb. 13.

Prompt surrender to Japanese custody of nine Germans removed from the Asama Maru was requested today by Mr. Masayuki Tani, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, in an interview with Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador.

In the hour and a half consultation Mr. Tani informed Sir Robert that the Japanese Government would resume negotiations very soon to seek custody of 12 other Germans taken off the Japanese liner by a boarding party from a British warship on January 20.

It was understood that the British envoy assured Mr. Tani that his Government was prepared to return nine Germans who have less military training than the others.

Procedure for turning over the seized men was discussed, after which Sir Robert told Mr. Tani that he would arrange matters to meet Japanese wishes as much as possible.

It was believed that the nine Germans will be delivered to Japanese authorities on Japanese territory.—Domei.

China Aviation Co. To Move Offices Here

Peiping, Feb. 12.

As the first step in the transfer of head offices to Shanghai, the China Aviation Company, will open a branch office in Shanghai, it was announced here today.

Supervising bureaux will also be established in Inner Mongolia, North China, Central China and Kwangtung. The reorganization, company officials stated, will be in keeping with the expansion of its business.—Domei.

Inhabitants of Cyprus Contribute £2,500

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 13.

A contribution of £2,500 has been received from inhabitants of Cyprus for the Red Cross fund, for which the Duke of Gloucester has made a special appeal. The Lord Mayor has expressed his gratitude for this gift.—Reuter.

U.S. Aircraft Mass Delivery Due

American Military Needs Given Priority; Industry Expanded for Vast Output

Washington, Feb. 13.

The United States aviation industry will commence mass delivery within a month of thousands of planes ordered by the United States fighting services and foreign Governments, it was learned today.

A survey by the United Press revealed that the American aircraft industry has been engaged in the greatest mass production era in its history as a result of foreign plane orders for wartime needs. Domestic demand in the United States also has been vastly expanded by the Government's national defense programme.

Authoritative quarters told the United Press that aviation plants, working at full capacity, have filled foreign and domestic orders for approximately 1,450 combat planes and still must complete production of an additional 7,700 planes for the United States Army and Navy and foreign purchasers.

Foreign orders, principally from Britain and France, total approximately 5,000 planes. Of these it is estimated by authoritative quarters that approximately 1,100 have been delivered or at least completed.

Large Foreign Orders

United States Army and Navy orders total approximately 4,450 planes of which only about 350 for the Army have been delivered thus far. These comprise mostly training planes. The Army and Navy, it was recalled, however, permitted aircraft companies to fill foreign orders before beginning mass production of planes for the American fighting services.

Compilation of export licenses disclosed yesterday that foreign countries bought $204,000,000 worth of arms from the United States since the outbreak of the European war. Ninety-six per cent. of these purchases have been aircraft. French aircraft purchases in the United States total $121,000,000 thus far while Britain ranks second with expenditures of $21,000,000.

The United States Army, which now possesses 2,560 planes, expects to have an additional 3,200 by June 30. 1941 The Navy, with 1,766 planes in service, expects to reach 3,000 next year.

Huge foreign and domestic plane orders have permitted the American aircraft industry to go on a mass production basis which military experts said would be of great importance in the event the United States becomes involved in war. By delaying the delivery of planes to foreign countries in the event of an emergency, the American aircraft industry could produce planes for the American fighting services at a speed wholly impossible a year ago, it was said.—United Press.

Mme. Chiang Flies to Hongkong

Chungking, Feb. 13.

Madame Chiang Kai-shek, wife of the Chinese Generalissimo, left here yesterday by air for Hongkong for a short rest. It is reported that she may undergo a second sinus operation.

It is recalled that she underwent a sinus operation here recently. On that occasion, Dr. Talbot flew up from Hongkong specially.—Reuter.

Electric Shortage in Japan Queried

Government Lays in Huge Stocks of Coal

Tokyo, Feb. 13.

The shortage of electric power in Japan was the subject of keen discussion at the plenary session of the House of Peers today.

Replying to an interpellation by Mr. Masatsune Ogura, noted financier, Mr. Masanori Katsu, Minister of Communications, expressed regret that the shortage of electric power supply had inconvenienced the key industries.

An Imperial Ordinance, he declared, had been invoked for effecting a 30 per cent. reduction in the supply of electric power in central Japan, and 35 per cent. in western Japan, starting February 10.

Mr. Katsu, however, gave an assurance that the reduction would be modified to 20 per cent. on February 20.

Meanwhile, he continued, the Government had done everything possible to secure coal stocks amounting to 650,000 tons in February and 500,000 tons in March.

The lifting of the restrictions on the supply of electric power, the Minister continued, would depend upon whether the drought would be broken, and also whether an even supply of coal could be secured.—Reuter.

Communist Candidate In Britain

Mr. Harry Pollitt Reverses Original Stand on War

London, Feb. 13.

Mr. Harry Pollitt, former Secretary General of the British Communist Party, will oppose the Labour candidate at the bye-election to take place in the Silverstone division of Northants.

This is the first time since the war that a Communist candidate is opposed to a Labour candidate and political quarters consider that it an open defiance of the Communist Party to the Labour Party.

Reversing the attitude he adopted upon the outbreak of the war, when he urged his followers to support Britain's fight against Fascism, Mr. Pollitt now proclaims that the British workers must oppose the war and fight against all capitalist Governments, whether British, French or German.

Labour circles are but little impressed by Mr. Pollitt's campaign, and point out that the majority of workers, through their Trade Unions and through the Labour Party, voiced their approval of the present war.—Havas.

Thugs Steal Watches, Hold Up Pedestrian

A trio of thugs, two of them armed with pistols, entered a Chinese watchmaker's shop at 230 Hoopeh Road at 7.40 p.m. yesterday and after intimidating the occupants, managed to get away with $97 in cash and 30 watches valued at $600.

At 7 p.m., a male Chinese was held up by six men, two of them armed, as he was walking on Ferry Road. He was relieved of money and clothing valued at $200.

Both cases are being investigated by the police.

Latvian Trade Mission To London Welcomed

Britain Desires Exchanges With Three Baltic States

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 13.

The decision of the Latvian Government to send a trade mission to London to discuss the possibility of a mutual increase in trade, is welcomed by British authorities, who have been desirous of adding the three Baltic states to the list of neutral countries with whom Britain is conducting special conversations to enlarge wartime trade.

Latvia has now become the first of these countries to send a trade mission to London.

With due regard to the difficult position in which these countries find themselves, placed as they are between Germany and Russia, the decision is regarded by official circles here as most encouraging.—Reuter.

Tokyo Names Advisers To Cabinet

Tokyo, Feb. 13.

Mr. Koki Hirota, former Premier and now a member of the House of Peers; Gen. Baron Narimoto Oi, a member of the House of Peers; Admiral Ryozo Nakamura, former Commander of the Sasebo Naval Base; and Mr. Keisuke Mochizuki, former Home Minister and now a member of the Upper House, were appointed Cabinet Councillors, it was announced today.—Domei.

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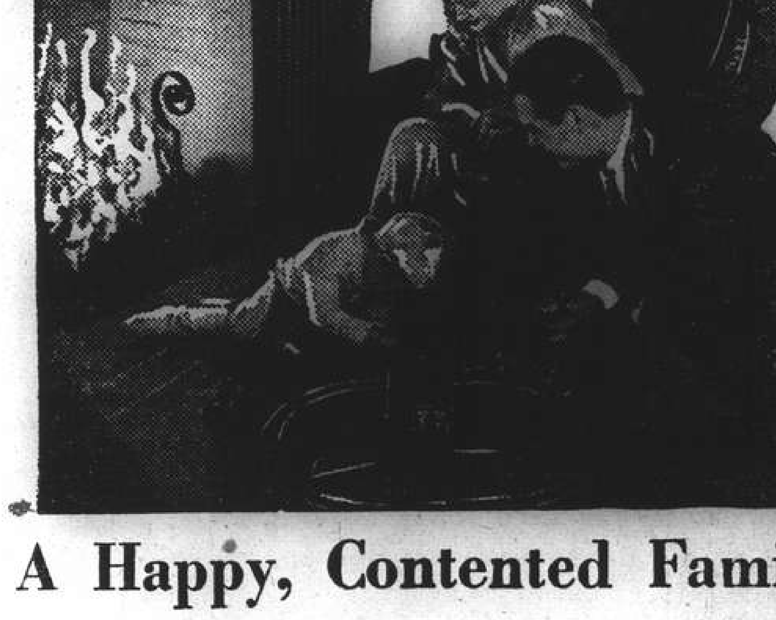

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Rugby Club to Clash with Seaforths on Sunday

Interport Fails to Close Season; Three Games This Week-end; Police to Meet Details

IN recent years the interport series between Hongkong and Shanghai has marked the close of the rugger season here. This year, however, the powers that be in Shanghai intend to continue play right to the close of the winter season and some splendid matches may be enjoyed during the remaining month.

This Saturday the Race Course is closed to all field sports, racing holding sway, but Sunday will see six teams in action with the highlight being the third meeting of the redoubtable Seaforth 1st XV and the Club's premier side. Each team have gained one victory and they will, of course, be all out to secure the decider. The Civilian XV is not quite the same as that which represented Shanghai against Hongkong, Dobson and Pow coming in for the two Police among the forwards, while Cessford, the Hongkong stand-off replaces Aucott who goes to centre-three vice Thornley. The changes made seem to strengthen the Club's chances.

The Seaforths have not yet announced their fifteen but it is known that injuries sustained weeks ago by some of their leading players are still taking their toll. There would appear, however, little to choose in the opposing packs, although the Club are better served in the hooking department.

The Scots' junior side have not lost a match this season and already hold one victory over their prospective opponents. The Club, however, appear to be greatly strengthened by the inclusion of Moore, Thomas, Edwards and the St. Louis brothers and it will come as no surprise to see the Jocks' colours lowered for the first time this winter.

In the first game of the afternoon the Police meet the Area Details at 2.15 p.m. It is reported that the soldiers are now able to call upon a number of new arrivals, some of whom are said to have played in good class circles at home. If that is the case, the lawmen will have to fight very hard indeed and they may go down.

SUNDAY

2.15 p.m. Area Details v. Police, Ref W. J. Richmond.

3 p.m. Seaforth 1st v. Club 1st. Ref. Mr. G. D. Nicholl.

3.15 p.m. Seaforth 2nd v. Club 2nd. Ref. Mr. R. D. K. Silby.

CLUB TEAMS

CLUB FIRST XV: W. N. Dickson; S. J. Ward, I. F. Aucott, A. P. D. Kennedy, J. W. M. Martin; F. A. Cessford, J. R. Dickinson; R. A. O. Mayne, R. U. Reynolds, J. D. Sayle, R. Dobson, W. D. Pearson, P. B. Tay, C. F. Pow, S. A. Wallace.

CLUB SECOND XV: A. Moore; O. Okimoto, O. P. Edwards, R. S. L. Frewen, B. A. St. Louis; A. Thomas, L. R. St. Louis; J. F. Follett, F. March, D. M. Wheeler, J. W. Chapman, J. R. Blaikie, W. V. K. Chadwick, W. P. Hetherington, F. G. Williams.

RESERVES FOR BOTH TEAMS: J. Harling, G. L. Hinds, W. V. Corneck, R. V. Stapleton-Cotton, J. Hodgman, W. E. Whaley. These reserves are to turn up at the Club House at the Race Course not later than 2.45 p.m. on Sunday as it is quite possible that their services will be required. If any player or reserve is unable to turn out, please inform Mr. W. D. Pearson (Telephone 11430) before 5 p.m. Friday.

Indecisive Squash Rackets Results

Country Club Split Points With Rowing Club; Green Defeats Local Champion

At the Country Club the home team played to a two-all draw with the Rowing Club in the Senior knockout Tourney, the fifth and most interesting match between the two first strings, R. B. Gotch of the Country Club and L. D. Carson of the Rowing Club being held over till today. The other match of the day was at the Race Club where the home team obtained a two to one lead over the Foreign Y.M.C.A., their other two matches also being postponed till today.

Undoubtedly the most interesting result of the day was the defeat of L. H. Wade by D. Green, these two having played twice previously this season. Green's victory over Wade establishes his lead in matches won over the reigning local champion. It now remains to be seen whether Wade will be able to stage a "come-back" if and when they meet in a return encounter in the knockout tournament or in the championships. Green defeated Wade in four games, the scores reading, 9-2, 3-9, 10-8, 10-8, the scores in the last two games showing that a struggle of supreme interest must have taken place.

The other matches at the Race Club provided some interesting results, Pote-Hunt showing that he is really in the senior class by defeating T. E. Baker with ease in 9-0, 9-0, 7-9, 9-4. R. D. Parkin, probably the most improved player of this year's contests, defeated M. Ginsbourg in five hard fought games by 1-9, 7-9, 9-7, 9-5, 9-3, showing the uphill work the Race Club player had to do.

At the Country Club the Rowing Club had an even score, with H. K. Cassels, the veteran defeating G. W. Morris in four games, F. E. T. Marshall showing the way to C. S. Kimber and H. G. Fabian of the Rowing Club being the only man to win his match at the Country Club courts. W. Neugebauer defeated H. M. Snow in four games. The final decision on this match rests on the games this evening between L. D. Carson representing the Rowing Club and R. B. Gotch of the Country Club. The match should attract a large gathering at the Country Club as both players are of first class standard and those who turn out are assured of scintillating play.

COUNTRY CLUB 2, ROWING CLUB 2

H. M. Snow lost to W. Neugebauer, 10-9, 4-9, 5-9, 6-9.

H. K. Cassels defeated G. W. Morris, 8-10, 9-3, 9-0, 9-7.

W. A. Hoggarth lost to H. G. Fabian, 1-9, 2-9, 4-9.

F. E. T. Marshall defeated C. S. Kimber, 9-6, 9-4, 10-8.

R. B. Gotch v. L. D. Carson (unplayed).

RACE CLUB 2; FOREIGN Y.M.C.A. 1

L. H. Wade lost to D. Green, 7-9, 9-3, 8-10, 8-10.

J. W. Pote-Hunt defeated T. E. Baker, 9-0, 9-0, 7-9, 9-4.

R. D. Parkin defeated M. Ginsbourg, 1-9, 7-9, 9-7, 9-9, 9-4.

E. B. Cumine v. R. Berglof (postponed).

M. Benavitch v. J. L. Berglof (unplayed).

Japan's Sonja Henie

No tyro in the art of figure skating is Miss Etsuko Inada who is seen here during the contests held last week in the Japanese Alps by the Meiji Shrine Sports Club.

Tremendous Feats Of Batting

Cricketer Knocks Up 333 Not Out in Australia to Beat Bradman's Record

London, Feb. 13.

That cricket is as bright as the weather at this time of the year in South Africa and Australia, judging from reports received of some remarkable achievements.

Pride of place probably goes to D. Hope who, playing in a commercial league match on the famous Kingsmead Ground at Durban, scored 253 not out in 65 minutes, although a young Australian has become the hero of his town by beating a record previously held by Don Bradman.

Hope, who said he "made up for lost time because I seldom got an innings in the Eastern Province, where I formerly lived," hit thirty-six 6's, seven of them off successive balls in one over and six in succession in another.

Bradman in the Shade

The young player who has put Bradman in the shade, and in the famous batsman's former home town, too, is Clive Goodfellow who batted throughout an innings for 333 not out to beat Bradman's district record of 320 not out.

Another hurricane innings was that by Glen Hudson, a Marshdale batsman, who scored 209 (retired) in 90 minutes against a Dungog (New South Wales) side.

Hudson hit eighteen 6's and fourteen 4's, and after slamming five consecutive sixes in one over, he retired, much to the relief of the local bowlers.—Reuter.

Changes in Football For Week-end

No First Division Matches Arranged for Saturday

Owing to the closure of the grounds at the Race Course this Saturday afternoon for the Shanghai Paper Hunt Club Race Meeting, the fixture list for games in the Shanghai Football Association has suffered a slight change.

The remaining two matches in the third round of the Skottowe Cup competition will be played off on Sunday when Clube Lusitano meet Tung Hwa in the morning at the Canidrome and Association Sportive Francaise clash with East Surreys in the afternoon at the Race Course.

Only one First Division match is to take place, at Kiaochow Park between Lido and the Police. The match between the Seaforths and P.T.H. has been postponed.

Following is the amended list of games:—

SATURDAY

Junior Cup Final.—Aurora v. 3 Cults., Kiaochow, 3.05 p.m., T. H. Ho. Line: L. Chang and C. F. Lee. (Capt. H. G. Reed will present the trophy to the winners after the match).

2nd division.—French Forces v. Parks, Kiaochow, 1.30 p.m., N. Fadeyeff; U.T.P. v. J.R.C., Aurora, 3 p.m., S. U. Woo.

SUNDAY

Skottowe Cup 2nd Rd.—Lusitano v. Tung Hwa, Canidrome, 10.30 a.m., W. T. Sung. Line: E. M. Marchetti and M. Rothschild; A.S.F. v. Surreys, R.G. 2, 2.30 p.m., W. F. Field. Line: K. Beck and A. G. B. Carnell.

1st division.—S.M.P. v. Lido, Kiaochow, 3 p.m., J. Chen. Line: G. E. Knight and T. Z. Liu.

Reserve division.—Lido v. Seaforths, Kiaochow, 1.40 p.m., Z. T. Loh.

2nd division.—Area Details v. Sokol, R.G. 1, H. A. Harrs.

3rd division.—Russ. Club v. Betar, S.R.C., A. L. McCorkindale; Judeans v. Old. West., R.G. 5, F. P. da Silva.

Triple Record Set By Gonsalves

Bowler Scores 632 When Y.M.C.A. Beat Recruits; Race Club Win

Led by Mano Gonsalves, who established a triple record of 632, the Foreign Y.M.C.A. maintained the lead in the Shanghai Ten Pins League last night by scoring a 2-1 victory over the newly-formed Marine Recruits in the alleys of the Columbia Country Club. The "Y" nearly registered a shutout victory as they dropped the opening game to the service men by a margin of three pins at 836-833. Gonsalves, in setting the new 3-game mark, was consistent throughout with singles of 207, 212, 213 respectively.

At the American Club the Marine Regulars also gained a 2-1 victory over the home team to keep the runners-up position in the competition. Jimmy Deegan rolled a splendid game in the second session, 227.

At the Race Club the Columbia Country Club Oaks lost all three games to Jimmy W. Pote-Hunt and his team. The winners were at their best and scored the day's highest team aggregate of 2,651.

"A" Division

AMERICAN CLUB				
Quinn	129	171	141	441
Hartnett	150	163	134	447
Klovekorn	177	160	184	521
Deegan	167	227	163	557
Lurton	157	180	144	481
	780	901	766	2,447
MARINE REGULARS				
Messersmith	150	158	157	465
Brown	138	153	126	417
Williams	176	181	176	532
Fiori	185	213	180	578
Dolinsek	148	150	182	480
	796	855	821	2,472
C.C.C. OAKS				
Huebner	171	197	165	532
Laidlaw	180	159	212	551
Gray	122	108	201	431
Nance	160	167	165	492
Henningsen	122	144	164	430
	755	775	907	2,437
RACE CLUB				
Watton	162	176	146	484
L. C. Kew	172	180	196	548
A. C. Kew	167	200	179	546
Clarke	177	176	210	563
Pote-Hunt	179	142	189	510
	857	674	920	2,651
FOREIGN Y.M.C.A.				
Gonsalves	207	212	213	632
Krause	106	155	173	434
Chantural	180	152	182	514
Kleffel	156	188	155	499
Butler	184	201	166	551
	833	908	889	2,630
MARINE RECRUITS				
Wells	187	202	172	561
Uhlinger	152	172	168	492
Rozier	157	143	177	477
Barton	177	163	138	478
Childress	163	161	140	468
	836	841	799	2,476

"B" Division

MAPLE SECTION				
"Y" Luckies (3)	785	724	835	2,344
S.R.C. Spares (0)	655	651	715	2,021
Columbia Club (1)	805	814	772	2,391
U.S.M.C. Blues (2)	749	830	827	2,406
U.S.M.C. Whites (1)	753	767	785	2,306
A.C. Trojans (2)	763	702	807	2,272
PINE SECTION				
U.S.M.C. Reds (2)	827	846	771	2,444
"Y" Flukes (1)	813	851	771	2,435
A.C. Tartars (2)	822	758	734	2,314
Swiss Club (1)	657	696	785	2,138
S.R.C. Strikes (2)	794	820	821	2,435
Marine Officers (1)	687	834	810	2,331

Record Recaptured By Danish Girl

Copenhagen, Feb. 13.

Miss Ragnhild Hveger, the Danish swimming marvel and holder of numerous world records, regained the 500 metres free style record yesterday by covering the distance in 6 mins. 27.4 seconds. Miss Hveger held the record for over three years until last month, when Miss Fernanda Caroen, of Belgium, returned the time of 6 mins. 28.4 seconds.—Reuter.

Farr's Eyes Keep Him Out of R.A.F.

London, Feb. 13.

Tommy Farr, who joined the R.A.F. at the outbreak of war, has now left the service. "I am finished with the R.A.F.," he said, "because I cannot pass a medical examination for flying as an observer or gunner."

Farr had been training for six weeks as an aircraftman but his right eye failed him in a sight test.

Farr has no definite plans for the future, but he is hoping to get another fight with Joe Louis for the world heavyweight title in America.—Reuter.

Conquering Course of Flying Shuttles Stopped Short by French Club

C.S.F. Men's Doubles Team Rise to Occasion And Inflict First Defeat on Chinese

The first major upset in the current Badminton League was witnessed Monday night when the redoubtable Flying Shuttles team was conquered at last with the C.S.F. "A" handing them a 5-4 defeat at the French Club courts in a Men's Doubles encounter. After sweeping all before them in the first round with nothing less than 8-1 victories, it was thought that the crack Chinese would never be ousted, but the French Club seniors played inspired badminton to create the surprise.

Other clashes of the day saw the Union Church overwhelm the C.S.F. "B" by nine sets to nothing, playing on their home courts, while the Country Club were at home to the Sokols and trounced the visitors by 9-0 also in their first meeting in the league.

It was through the all-round magnificent play by the combination of Meise and Berents which was responsible for the French Club's remarkable victory over the Flying Shuttles as they disposed of the leading Chinese couple in straight sets. The losers, W. Fung and T. L. Choong could not cope with the aggressive play of Meise and Berents and conceded the first game at 8-15 and the next one without scoring a single point at 0-15. They put up more resistance in the third game but had to bow to the C.S.F. players once more by 10-15.

Touch-and-Go Affair

Though the next two couples of the French Club seniors lost their matches, they scored one valuable game each which was sufficient for the Flying Shuttles to acknowledge a defeat of 4-5. The third match was a touch-and-go affair with Jorgensen combining well with Bobe, his new partner, to extend Wang and Cheng who just scraped a triumph by 14-15, 15-8, 13-15.

At the Union Church, the matches were all one-sided and the homesters all scored convincing victories. The team of G. D. Chelmis and N. D. Chelmis proved to be especially formidable as they swept through Elster and Davidson with the loss of only 10 points in the whole encounter. The return of N. D. Chelmis to active competition will strengthen the Union Church to a great extent.

Detailed scores at the Union Church and the French Club follow:—

UNION CHURCH 9; C.S.F. "B" 0

L. Kew and L. H. Wade beat R. Chaillan and E. Popple, 15-6, 15-8, 15-10.

G. D. Chelmis and N. D. Chelmis beat Elster and Davidson, 15-0, 15-6, 15-4.

C. C. Squires and A. A. White beat S. W. Clarke and Abily, 15-6, 15-3, 15-3.

C.S.F. "A" 5; FLYING SHUTTLES 4

Berents and Meise beat W. Funk and T. L. Choong, 15-8, 15-0, 15-10.

Flood and McKinnon lost to S. C. Hou and S. S. Lee, 15-14, 7-15, 8-15.

Bobe and Jorgensen lost to Wang and Cheng, 14-15, 15-8, 13-15.

Yesterday's Results

The Country Club "A" met the challenge of the C.S.P. "A" with great success yesterday in the Ladies' Doubles Division of the Badminton league when they triumphed by six matches to three in an away encounter. Last night's clash was hte first between the present leaders and runners-up in the division, and the Country Club did well to win so decisively.

Mrs. Hubbard and Mrs. Arnold-Jones lost to Mrs. Burton and Miss Holwill, 8-15, 10-15, 13-15.

Mrs. Cate and Mrs. Wolfe beat Mrs. Maitland and Mrs. Cox, 15-6, 14-15, 15-7.

Mrs. Jorgensen and Mrs. Blandy lost to Mrs. Maxted and Mrs. Mirams, 15510, 9-15, 10-15.

Miss Burton and Mrs. Finch beat Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Trolle, 15-8, 15-3, 15-11.

Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Magee beat Mrs. Popple and Mrs. Perkins, 5-15, 15-1, 15-14.

Mrs. Seddon and Miss McNicoll lost to Mrs. Richards and Miss Horsky, 5-15, 2-15, 2-15.

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The Club will meet thrice weekly for two-hour periods and those intending to join will be pleased to learn that the services of an excellent coach have been secured. Mr. Dagobert Reich, himself an old-timer of proved ability in Europe, will be in charge of training and exercising and those young amateurs in Shanghai who have some or no experience in the squared ring and who care to further their knowledge of the fistic game are urged to get in touch with Mr. St. Louis. Arrangements will be made to give the applicant particulars of the newly formed Club.

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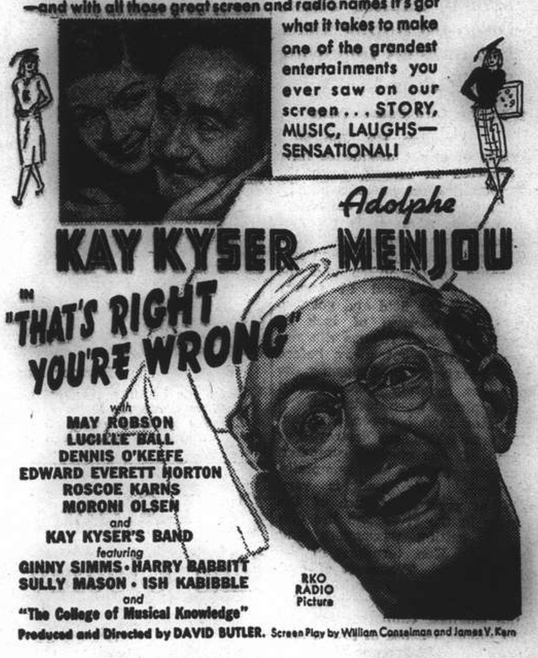

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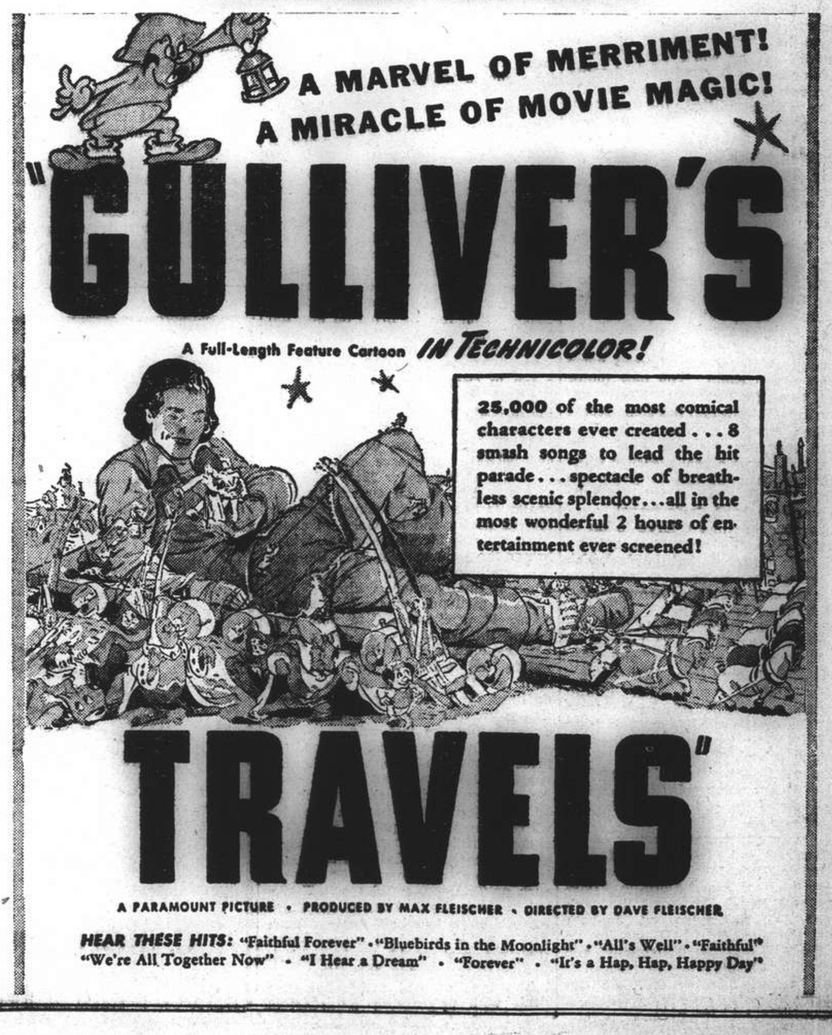

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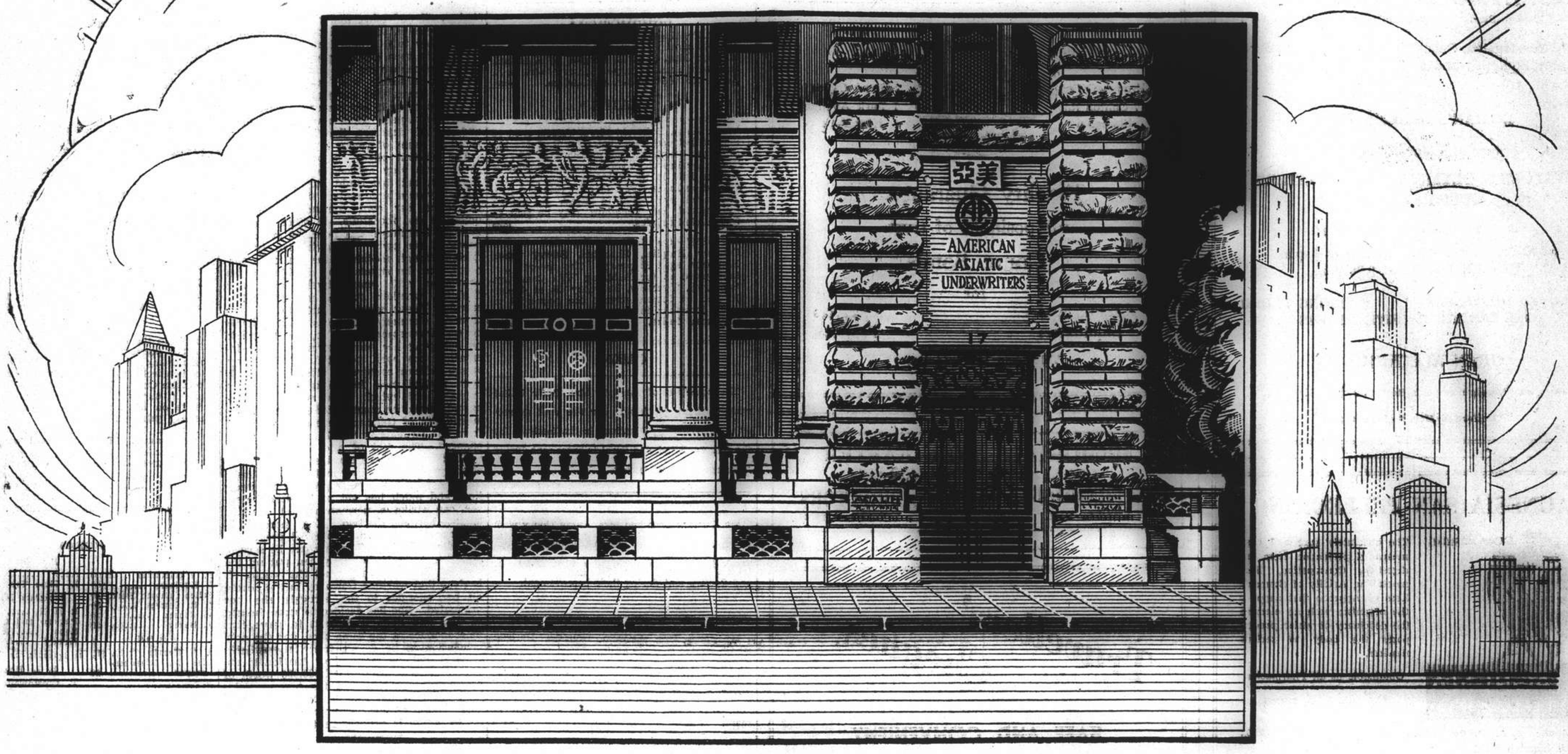

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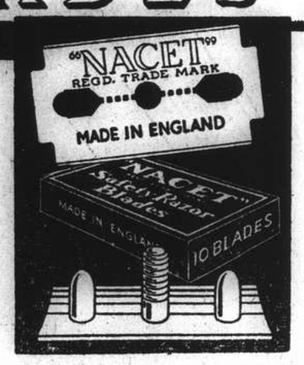

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ENGAGEMENT

BERGLOF—ADAM.—The engagement is announced between JOHN LEONARD, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. E. Berglöf, of Shanghai, and JOYCE LILLIAN, only daughter of Mrs. E. R. Adam and the late Mr. John Adam. -2557

DEATHS

MARTIN.—On December 21, 1939, at sea on board the ss. Hakozaki Maru, VICTOR, aged 16 months, beloved son of Inspector R. C. Martin, Shanghai Municipal Police and Mrs. Martin. The funeral service over the cremated remains will be held in the Bubbling Well Cemetery Chapel on Friday, February 16, 1940 at 3 p.m. All friends are invited to attend. No flowers by request but donations may be sent to Charitable Societies. 10810

HORROBIN.—On February 11, 1940, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, SIDNEY LEIGH HORROBIN, aged 53 years. The funeral will take place at the Bubbling Well Cemetery, tomorrow, Thursday, February 15, at 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers friends are requested to send donations to any Charity or Fund as they may desire. 10809

CARDS

The RELATIVES of the late Mrs. Betty Miller wish to thank all friends for the kind expressions of sympathy, donations to the Institute for the Chinese Blind, and floral tributes sent during their recent bereavement.

Mr. CHARLIE LING and Mrs. ANNIE DOOLY wish to acknowledge with grateful thanks their appreciation of messages of sympathy, donations, and flowers sent during their bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. SILVANO GONZALO DOLORES REMEDIOS and SILVANO ANTONIO, CARLOS AUGUSTO, IZIDRO GERONIMO and Mr. and Mrs. LOUIS O. D'AQUINO thank all their relations and friends for their kind messages of sympathy, flowers and other offerings sent in their sad bereavement. -2536

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IMPARTIAL NOT NEUTRAL

ECONOMIC CAMOUFLAGE

With a flourish of trumpets Germany has announced the signing of a trade pact with Soviet Russia, believed to provide for the reciprocal delivery of goods totalling Reichsmarks 1,000,000,000. As a pact it may be worth just as much as any other pact that either Herr Hitler or M. Stalin has signed, as a piece of propaganda it would seem to have considerably more value among the more credulous, but as a document of any real potentiality it is open to the gravest doubt. There are no less than four obstacles in the way of fulfilment of the German dream of being able to depend upon Russia to supply sufficient goods to offset the Allies' economic blockade. The first is purely political. There is the reluctance which Russia, Soviet or not, will always feel to help militaristic Germany dominate Europe. That may not prove very apparent at the moment, but a powerful Germany casting eyes on the undeveloped riches of Russia as she has done in the past, is not likely to be less ambitious in the future. That Russian reluctance may undergo the temporary aberrations of politicians, though it undoubtedly ranks as a permanent and unchangeable interest of Russian policy. The second obstacle is financial. Ordinarily German purchases from Russia would have to be paid for in either gold or foreign exchange, failing which it would have to be in goods. Germany has no surplus available of the raw materials which Russia needs, and it follows that the volume of trade would be governed by the amount of machinery that a war-laden German industry could provide for export. The difficulty which the German exporters are experiencing in fulfilling those export contracts, which are not at present hindered by the blockade, suggests that the volume of such machinery for export would not be large. The fact that the pact appears to provide for German development of Russian resources in no way diminishes the importance of that factor, for whether Germany does the job, or Russia, the machinery necessary has to be found by the former, and if she is unable to fulfil existing contracts, what earthly chance has she of undertaking and carrying out further commitments of a like nature?

Transport forms a third obstacle. There are three means of transport, firstly, by the Baltic frozen at the Russian end for a part of the year, and in any event its main port is a long distance from most sources of raw materials, secondly by the Black Sea-Danube waterway which in certain circumstances could be cut without any great degree of difficulty, and, thirdly, the railways, of which the most direct is across Poland. Apart from the difference in guages of the various railways involved, a matter which is not incapable of correction, though it would be a very long job, the fact remains that even if this were done neither Germany nor Russia is possessed of sufficient rolling stock to care for the enormous traffic which this latest pact is said to envisage. German railways neglected in past years are well below par, and only under great strain capable of dealing with Germany's present domestic requirements. In Russia there is practically the same thing, and it has been stated authoritatively that even if Russia could afford to set aside one-tenth of her rolling stock for the purpose of serving this new pact, and if that one-tenth could be loaded once a month,—a most optimistic view in the light of the long distances involved,—the annual carrying capacity would be less than Germany's peace time imports of iron ore alone. The fourth obstacle concerns the quantities of raw materials available. Without a doubt Russia has of recent years made remarkable strides in the development of her natural resources, and her potential output is enormous, but these are no measure of the extent to which Germany could make good her deficiencies in war by drawing upon Russia. The economic policy of the Soviet has been to render itself independent of foreign supplies as far as possible and to maintain a balance between the production of raw materials and foodstuffs and her domestic requirements. Thus while Russia is one of the leading producers of such things as grains, fats, iron ore, manganese, timber, oil and other materials, her exports have formed a small and declining proportion of her total production. The fact that Russia has been exporting only sufficient to provide exchange for the purchase of essential raw materials and capital equipment does not mean that she would not be able to export more if her resources were sufficiently developed. That, however takes time, and, in this instance, that has to be measured in terms of years.

The position might be very different if Russia was very anxious actively to assist Germany, but that could only be done immediately on a large scale if she were willing to reduce her own consumption of raw materials and foodstuffs,—in other words to increase Germany's war potential at the expense of her own. Russia is scarcely producing enough foodstuffs for her own purposes, and the standard of nutrition of her population still comparatively low. It is doubtful whether, at the cost of such a sacrifice, Russia would be able to do much to assist Germany. There is most certainly no real inducement to do so, for she would be betraying her own interests in thus increasing the war potential of Germany, whose policies concerning Russia have only been pushed into the background for the moment, and which, it is confidently expected, would be resuscitated in the unlikely eventuality of Germany emerging successful from the struggle in which she is presently engaged. The fact of the matter is that while there has been considerable expansion of the production of raw materials in Russia, it has not kept pace with growing consumption, and much has yet to be done before she can strike a permanent and effective balance between the two. Much more has to be done to secure a surplus of production out of which alone Germany can be served, and then only if Germany can put up the cash or the barter for what she wants. It is clear that wartime Germany has to devote all her energies to the struggle she has originated. She has decided to serve the god of war and finds it difficult to serve that of economics at the same time, and the only conclusion to be drawn from the available facts is that, no matter how formidable the pact for Reichsmarks 1,000,000,000 worth of reciprocal trade between the two countries may seem, it has still to be implemented. The making of this agreement is one thing; its execution is entirely another.

Planes by the Thousand

When the first squadron of British aeroplanes —two of them never succeeded in managing the English Channel—flew to France at the beginning of the last war, accompanied by such appurtenances as balloons and man-carrying kites, nobody ever contemplated the vast expansion of the new aerial arm. By 1918 a more accurate perspective was achieved and Britain had 30,000 machines in action, completed, or under construction when the war ended. The present hostilities have played havoc with even this figure. Official secrecy covers the present strength of the British and French air forces and the rate of new domestic construction, which is probably some thousands of machines a month. From the United States, however, the volume of aeroplane orders by the Allies has been revealed and indicates the overwhelming emphasis placed on aircraft in the present war. France is the largest purchaser from the United States, with Britain ranking in a much lower category owing to the perfection of plans to assist domestic production by the erection of factories in Canada and Australia. The greatest mass production in the history of the American aircraft industry has filled orders for 1,450 planes already and 7,700 more machines must be delivered in the near future, the first deliveries to commence within a month, to the U.S. Government and foreign countries. Of this total Britain and France will take 5,000 machines between them, with further orders to be filled as the war progresses. As the U.S. Government must also attend to its own defence needs, drawing on American factories for an increasing number of machines proportionate to the revised demands based upon the eventualities of the world political and military situation, some indication of the colossal character of the American aircraft industry may be gained. As previously mentioned, the extent of the Allied constructional effort has not been revealed, but under the war impetus it is not less than America's. While the moralist of neutral nationality might look at the situation with askance, there is a valuable advantage to the United States in the concentration on aircraft orders from abroad for it develops the American industry for emergency production and any swift change in the European situation deter detrimental to the United States means that all this enhanced building may be easily taken over.

A Strange Claim

The claim was recently made by a German radio propagandist that the chief virtue of German propaganda was its truth. It is a strange assertion considering the importance that Herr Hitler himself attaches to the lie sufficiently large enough to be ultimately convincing, but there it is. Delayed papers from home giving accounts of the naval action off Montevideo in which the Admiral Graf Spee was so roundly beaten by three British vessels inferior in armament, also carry the story of the German propaganda that was issued in connection with that engagement. The German radio, on December 14, claimed that it was a glorious victory for the Admiral Graf Spee, including the subsequently disproved "truthful" allegation that the German vessel had only put into port because "British gas shells might have contaminated the food supply." The phraseology is interesting, for apparently the German broadcaster had not enough courage to utter the downright lie that the British had used gas shells but merely might have done,—a lily-livered prevaricator if ever there were one. Amongst some of the other outstanding highlights of the Nazi account of the *ersatz* victory were the following:—

"Watchers ashore saw the British cruiser Exeter shelled to pieces by the salvoes of the Graf Spee, and the cruiser Ajax flee.

The Graf Spee had not only put the Exeter out of action but also had inflicted heavy hits on the Achilles and Ajax.

The Graf Spee herself was hit only by a few shells. According to unconfirmed reports, the Achilles has sunk."

Mr. Russell Lewis, a Montevideo photographer allowed on board the Graf Spee, told the "Daily Mail" correspondent: "It beats me how the ship's holding together. She looks as if she's been hit by the vengeance of God. Her turret is smashed into a mass of twisted steel and there are two huge shell holes right through the heart of the ship, from one side to the other....Her thick armoured plates are buckled and twisted until they look like a jigsaw puzzle." Of course Mr. Lewis may have been handling his facts somewhat indelicately, but as it is the Graf Spee which rests on the bottom of the sea and the three British vessels still on the water, it really does seem that truthful as the German propagandists claim themselves to be it is a very negative type of truth obviously told with the intention to deceive.

IN PARENTHESIS

Blitzkrieg

THEY had been fighting on the village green for only a few seconds when the smaller of the two boys received a nasty punch under the eye.

The youngster dropped his hands. "Hey!" he shouted. "What do you think this is—a bloomin' *Blitzkrieg?*"

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Song of Ninepence

"SING a song of ninepence, pocket full of rye," sang a small boy.

"You mean, song of sixpence," said his foster mother.

"No, ninepence," was the reply. "Don't you know everything has gone up?"

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Warning

Two women were chatting at the street corner when the sirens sounded.

"Isn't that an air-raid warning?" asked one woman.

"Yes," replied the other, and, turning to a child hanging on to her skirts and whimpering, she added: "Be a good girl and be quiet or I won't let you see the air-raid."

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Alibi

A YOUNG soldier had to appear before the C.O. for overstaying his leave. When asked to explain why he was late his reply was:

"Well, sir, when I arrived at the station a troop train was just about to leave. The band struck up the National Anthem and I sprang to attention. When the band finished I found that my train had gone."

"Case dismissed!" said the C.O.

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Maiden Aunt

THE young girl's fiancé, expecting to be sent to France any day, wanted her to marry him at once. She sought out her wise old maiden aunt for advice.

"Auntie, do you think I'm too young to marry?"

"Well, dear," was the thoughtful reply, "if I had my time over again I'd get married before I had sense enough not to."

THE WEATHER

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Rainfall .38

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min. 39.2	Max. 42.8
Same date, 1939	Min. 37.8	Max. 44.6

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 12th:—Low and unsteady pressure over Central China. Depression crossing the Mean Yangtze Valley eastward. North-easterly to south-easterly winds along the China Coast. Cloudy weather in the north: misty in our regions and over our Coasts.

State on the morning of the 13th:—Strong westerly gale at about midnight, owing to the depression passing eastward. Low and rapidly rising pressure. Cloudy and cold weather.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Cloudy and cold weather with strong north-westerly to north-easterly winds over Shantung. Overcast, colder with local rain and strong monsoon in our Valley and along the Coast to the south of the Saddles.—Siccawei Observatory.

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St. Tichon's

G. Wuilleumier	$100
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H. H. Morris	$25
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IN MEMORY OF
MISS I. M. FLEET

J. M. W.	$10

B'nai B'rith

IN MEMORY OF
MRS. R. F. JACOBS

M. Gaberman	$10
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Friends of Finland

Another Dane	$500
Wendy	5
Rona	5

E'pean Ref. Mot. Ward

Selfhelp E'pean Emigres N.Y.	$100
Dr. Mosse	100
B. S. Barbash	20
D. L. E. Mimi's birthday	10

S.A. Rice Van

Anon	$10
Li Chao Teh	6

Rickshaw Mission

R. H. R.	$3
Phiroze and Coomie	2
Rona	5
Wendy	5

IN MEMORY OF
S. L. HORROBIN

T. Crosthwaite	$25

St. George

IN MEMORY OF
MISS I. M. FLEET

Audrey Brister	$5
Audrey Hammond	10

Cathedral Girls School

Eileen Berge	$50
Kay and Joyce Taylor	20

E'pean Ref. School

Selfhelp E'pean Emigres	$300
J. A. Mackay	100
Anonymous	85
F. N. Matthews	50
Mrs. Grace Gould	25
Mrs. Mary M. Tarrant	20
Collection Tabarin	10
Grunwald Franz	5
Anon	25

A COUNTRY DIARY

Weihaiwei, Jan. 25.—Reverting to the question of the small birds' winter food supply, I have recently noticed a large number of little Marsh Tits, in addition to the usual "Lesser Greys," at work in the trees for all the world like diminutive woodpeckers: these little Titmice are smaller than our familiar birds and have quite a sweet little call-note when compared with the rather harsh *"pit-swee-pit-swee"* that we know so well: to see (and hear) these birds working away on the tree-bark is sure proof that the key to the mystery of their food supply lies in the habits of the various *Lepidoptera*....which are, shall we say, the various moths and butterflies whose young are hatched in the form of soft-bodied larvae which we commonly call caterpillars. The caterpillars etc. represent the food-gathering stage in the cycle of life, for they are practically all jaws and stomach, and consequently most of them constitute acceptable nourishment to hungry birds....and hence, nature has to invent ingenious methods of protecting them: some go through the winter in the cocoon stage, some dig down into the ground, others bore right into the wood of the tree while a few merely hide, and in this last class are the Pine-tree Caterpillars which are a staple food supply for our smaller birds. These caterpillars actually migrate (for short distances) when the first cold weather comes and may be seen marching across our paths to the houses, presumably drawn by the warmth of bricks and mortar: thousands are killed on the way, but the survivors find sanctuary in cracks and crevices beneath the houses and sheds, and after remaining there all winter march back to the trees in spring to cram themselves with food in preparation for the next life-stage. Others, unable to find such safe quarters, hide under the cracked bark of the trees and it is these which fall a prey to the active little birds which need them in winter: they certainly have to work hard to get them....but hard work is nothing to a hungry bird.

Finns Stand Fast As Reds Renew Troops

Enormous Red Casualties Reported in Major Frontal Assaults on Fortified Mannerheim Positions; Part of Small Gains Later Lost

Helsinki, Feb. 13.

FURIOUS Russian pressure on the Mannerheim Line, which has now been maintained for twelve days, appears to be increasing rather than diminishing. Although there is no sign that the Finnish defences are weakening, the strain on the defenders is obviously becoming great. A communique issued here last night made it clear that the short front at Summa, seven or eight miles wide, is being attacked by several Soviet divisions at once. Thus from 30,000 to 40,000 men are being thrown against the Finnish defences on this sector.

Some Russian troops are reported to be using metal shields, about two feet wide, as they advance. Eye-witnesses state that Finnish blockhouses at Fort Summa are holding up remarkably well against the heavy artillery fire to which they have been subjected during the past 24 hours.

Russian claims of the capture of Finnish positions on the Karelian Isthmus are declared authoritatively to be "entirely without foundation." It is learned that Viipuri, in south-eastern Finland, was bombarded on Sunday evening by heavy Russian guns. The city's electricity works were damaged, and the current was interrupted for some time, but the damage was later repaired.

Several Russian divisions attacked in the Summa sector on February 11, supported by artillery, tanks and aeroplanes, according to a Finnish communique. At the same time, the Russians attacked between Muolajaervi and Vuoksen, supported by 150 tanks.

Fighting, the statement asserts, continued near Taipale, the Russians attacking after a four-hour preparatory artillery bombardment. The attack is claimed to have been repulsed. The Russians, the communique adds, tried "to surround our positions on the Gulf of Finland and on Lake Ladoga by crossing the ice, but the fire of our batteries scattered their formations."—Reuter.

Snow Falling over Baltic

Stockholm, Feb. 13.

The Russians are estimated to be losing about 3,000 men daily in their offensive in the Karelian Isthmus against the Mannerheim Line, according to reports received here. In the past fortnight, Russian casualties and prisoners totalled over 33,000.

Snow is still falling over the Baltic, and is likely to restrict Russian air activity.—Reuter.

Reds Make Some Gains

Haaparanta (Swedish border), Feb. 13.

The most sanguinary day of all since the war in Finland broke out was no doubt that of February 11 when the Soviet troops, strengthened by five new divisions, launched violent attacks on the entire Karelian front with a view to breaking through the Mannerheim Line between Summa and Vuoksi, it is learned from the front. The Russians attempt to storm the Finnish defences near Viipuri by making use of the ice-covered Gulf of Finland, west of Lake Ladoga.

The Russians succeeded in penetrating into the Finnish positions in the Summa sector, which they had been attacking continually for thirteen days, and they clung to several points near Vuoksi. Their attempt to outflank the Finnish positions failed.

The Finns counter-attacked despite the intense cold and succeeded in dislodging the Russians from some of their newly-gained positions, but not all. Fighting was raging in that region this morning, but there are no details as to the latest developments.—Havas.

More Red Troops for Front

Copenhagen, Feb. 13.

Heralding an intensification of the fighting on the Karelian Isthmus, Finn reconnaissance planes today observed large numbers of Russian troops moving toward the front, according to the Helsinki correspondent of the "Berlingske Tidendes."

The Russians now have about 300,000 men at the Karelian front as compared to the entire Finn army of about 200,000 troops, the correspondent reported.—United Press.

Reds Use Heavy Tanks

Helsinki, Feb. 13.

Fighting on the Karelian Isthmus yesterday was the most violent so far, it was reported this morning. The Russians used an unprecedented number of tanks, some of which weighed 70 tons, in a desperate effort to break through the Mannerheim Line and capture Viipuri, key city in the Isthmus. Pressure was greatest in the Summa sector. All Soviet planes in Finland are now concentrated in the Karelian front.

The impression is growing that Marshal Klim Voroshiloff, the War

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Sweden's Defences Prepared

Not Less Than 70,000 Fully Trained Men Manning Boden Lines

London, Feb. 13.

Sweden's northern line of fortifications against the Russian threat to central and western Scandinavia—the Boden line—is now in the highest state of efficiency and preparedness, the "Daily Telegraph" correspondent in Stockholm learns.

The central Boden fort, constructed between 1900 and 1902, has been completely modernized and now commands the Swedish-Finnish frontier north of the Gulf of Bothnia, at a point where the strategic railway centres of Torneao and Haparanda are situated. Scores of new pill-boxes and emplacements have been added to the "forward terrain" of the line, a desolate area about 50 miles deep stretching to the Finnish frontier.

There are no strategic approaches to the Swedish frontier from Finland except for one railway north of the Gulf of Bothnia. This is commanded by the Boden fortresses.

Two railways serve the Swedish fortifications, which have been equipped with new heavy guns and with a large number of anti-aircraft guns, produced by the famous Bofors factory, and claimed to be among the best in the world.

No official figures have been issued, but the "Daily Telegraph" correspondent understands that not less than 70,000 men, fully trained and equipped, are now holding Sweden's northern bastion.—Reuter.

Australia to Produce Thousands of Planes

Manufacture to Cost About £20,000,000 in Year

Canberra, Feb. 13.

At the cost of £20,000,000 (approximately a thousand million Chinese National dollars), thousands of planes will be produced in Australia within the next year or two for supply to the Royal Australian Air Force, and for the Empire air training scheme.

This was announced by Sir Frederick Steward, Acting Minister of Supply, who added that the production would provide direct employment for not less than 10,000 skilled and partially-skilled men.

It was not difficult, he said, to envisage a "clean-up" of Australia's unemployment problem by the middle of this year, if they also took into consideration potential employment in shipbuilding, the motor industry and direct military service.

Sir Frederick also remarked that the Federal Government was already giving consideration to the repatriation of men engaged in war-time production into peace-time activity.—Reuter.

Herr von Thyssen Loses German Citizenship

Wife Also Penalized by Nazi Regime

Amsterdam, Feb. 13.

The noted German industrialist, Herr Fritz von Thyssen, who fled from Germany last November, has lost his German citizenship. Dr. Wilhelm Frick, the German Home Minister, declared yesterday that Herr von Thyssen and his wife lose their nationality as from February 4.

Thyssen's entire fortune, amounting to about Reichsmarks 200,000,000, has been confiscated.

Foreign observers in Berlin declare that Thyssen's flight to Switzerland was kept secret in Germany owing to the unfavourable impression the news would have caused, for Thyssen was one of the powerful supporters of the Nazi Party and generously contributed to its funds until Spring, 1939. He was a Deputy of the Reichstag of Greater Germany. He left the Reich in November 1939 and refused to return despite pleas and threats from Berlin.

Unable to keep back the news indefinitely, the German Government decided to let it out together with the announcement that Thyssen is no longer a German.—Havas.

New American Bomber Completes Trials

Craft Does 312 m.p.h. with Range of 3,100

Washington, Feb. 12.

A new United States Army bomber has just completed gruelling tests at San Diego and, according to reliable information, came through all trials with flying colours. It has a speed of more than 312 miles per hour, a range of over 3,100 miles and can carry four tons of bombs.

The gigantic craft was built by the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation and is powered by four Pratt-Whitney engines of 18 cylinders and 1,200 horsepower apiece.—Havas.

Powers May Have to Act Against Japan

Admiral Stark Tells U.S. Congress Body Of Need to Be Ready

Washington, Feb. 13.

Japanese pressure on foreign settlements in China "may soon demand strong action" by the Powers which wish to preserve their rights, Admiral Harold R. Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, told the House Appropriations Sub-Committee today.

Admiral Stark made this statement during testimony in connection with the Navy appropriations bill, it was revealed.

Although Britain seemed to have been the target of Japanese pressure recently, Admiral Stark warned that Japan eventually aimed to apply similar pressure against all Occidental Powers possessing interests in China.

At the same time, the sub-committee hearing disclosed that the Navy held that the improvement of Guam defences was a primary defence requirement and that the Navy planned to proceed with the task of improvement immediately without further authorization for the project.

Admiral Stark outlined for the sub-committee the present disorders in the world and explained that Japan had gained control of all leading Chinese sea ports and all important rail communications.

Pressure on Settlements

He pointed out that Japan was exerting pressure on the foreign settlements and concessions in China to establish political and economic dominance over China.

"British interests thus far have borne the brunt of the attack, but it is evident that the ultimate aim is to eliminate all Occidental interests inimical to the Japanese plan of exercising control over Eastern Asia," Admiral Stark stated.

In connection with the general world conditions, Admiral Stark insisted that the United States maintain its Navy "in advanced state of readiness for emergency purposes."

Conditions in Europe, he emphasized, "render likely the possibilities of a general European war and the conjunction of Far Eastern conditions threaten a world conflagration."—United Press.

President Roosevelt Against Third Term

Mr. Farley Told Decision, Reports "World-Telegram"

New York, Feb. 13.

The "New York World Telegram," in a front page article yesterday, represented Mr. James A. Farley, the Postmaster General, as believing that President Roosevelt does not intend to run for a third term.

The newspaper's staff writer, Mr. George Morris, reported that Mr. Farley informed Mr. Roosevelt that he is strongly opposed to a third term. The correspondent said that the President's reply to Mr. Farley was regarded as an "assurance that Roosevelt would not be a candidate."—United Press.

R.A.F. Make Flights Over Germany

French Say "Nothing to Report" for West Front

Paris, Feb. 13.

There was nothing to report from the front last night, this morning's General Staff communique announced.

The British air force took the initiative yesterday and effected several reconnaissance flights deep into German territory, a semi-official report stated.

While flying over north-west Germany, the British machines were attacked by a German squadron but managed to return safely to their bases. One German scouting plane flew over French territory during the day.—Havas.

Lord Tweedsmuir to Be Cremated

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Ottawa, Feb. 13.

It is understood that the body of Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor General of Canada, who died yesterday, will be cremated and the ashes sent to the United Kingdom.—Reuter.

Britain's Army Chiefs Decorated By General Gamelin

General Gamelin, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Force, recently decorated Lord Gort, British Commander-in-Chief, and General Sir Edmund Ironside, Chief-of-Staff with the Insignia of the Grand Croix of the Legion of Honour. The ceremony took place at the G.H.Q. in the British sector. On parade were detachments of the Welsh Guards and a famous regiment of Zouaves, while Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, was among the spectators.

Allies Complete Formation of Vast Near Eastern Armies

Syria, Egypt, Palestine, Irak, Aden, Lebanon Rally to Standards of Democracy and Freedom

London, Feb. 12.

MONTHS of feverish activity were brought to a successful conclusion today as the new Allied armies of the Near East finally stood ready to move at a moment's notice to stem any attack on their countries. In Syria, Egypt, Palestine, Irak, Aden and the Lebanon, native troops of various creeds and colours have been marshalled under the French and British flags, strictly trained and well-equipped with the most modern war materials in preparation for any eventual emergency.

The largest of these forces prepared to defend their own causes and fulfill their obligations as units of the French and British empires, is the French Army in Syria. Second in importance is the Egyptian, next the troops in Irak, recently increased in number. These new armies, determined to defend the principles of liberty inculcated in them by religion and Anglo-French rule, are prepared to bolster the 600,000 strong Turkish Army.

The Turkish Army has been equipped with the latest in the way of armaments and equipment since Turkey concluded mutual aid pacts with both France and Great Britain. It is fully prepared now to meet and ward off any threat to itself or those countries of the Balkan Entente to whom it is bound by treaty.

With completion of the great task of organizing the Near Eastern armies, the Allies have machined a tool that will be able to cut two ways: to set back Russian attack against the Near East or even Rumania, and to help crush any German offensive on Rumania.

It is seen, therefore, that while Germany sought to temporize on the Western Front, the Allies pushed ahead with preparations not only on the main theatre of war, but also on the flanks. Today they are prepared on all fronts and are in a better position than ever before, military experts stated here.

There are two paths open to Germany in the final analysis, they pointed out, apart from the central one abutting at the Maginot Line. One path goes northward, to the iron ore in Scandinavia. The other leads southward, to the oilfields of Rumania.

Both these routes are barred now, for effective Allied assistance is being and will be given Finland, while the completed organization of the Near Eastern forces is an obstacle to any offensive south.

The Anglo-French-Turkish mutual aid pacts, bolstered by the defence system of the Near East, therefore become a veritable barrage to German and even Soviet ambitions and will help in the blockade of the Reich even if the latter makes no overt offensive move, the military experts concluded.—Havas.

Anzac Arrival in Egypt Welcomed

New Zealand Surprised At Announcement; Close Secrecy of Moves Kept

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Wellington, Feb. 13.

News of the New Zealand troops' safe arrival in Egypt yesterday came as a thrilling surprise to New Zealanders.

Great secrecy had surrounded details of the troops' departure from the country, and though it was known that they had sailed, no hint was given as to their destination.

News that they have landed in the Middle East, gives New Zealanders a sense of pride that their force of 1940 is following in the footsteps of the first Anzacs.—Reuter.

Australians for Palestine

Jerusalem, Feb. 13.

Troops of the Second Australian Imperial Force were today beginning to arrive in their specified areas in Palestine after disembarking yesterday at some point in the Suez Canal.—Reuter.

Australians Take Posts

Elontar, Egypt, Feb. 13.

The Australian expeditionary force which landed here yesterday, immediately entrained for an undisclosed destination. The troops were a part of a convoy of New Zealand and Australian forces, part of which disembarked at Suez yesterday from the long column of luxury liners carrying the soldiers from the Antipodes on their 10,000-mile journey to protect the Empire's interests in the Middle East.

The Australians will join an army estimated at upwards of 1,000,000 men ready for any eventuality in the Near East.—United Press.

London Press Features News

London, Feb. 12.

All evening newspapers ran banner headlines today to announce the arrival of the Anzac expeditionary forces in the Near East en route to active service.

The whole press unanimously welcomed the men from "down under" and stressed Australia's and New Zealand's important part in the Great War, emphasizing particularly that many of the men who fought between 1914 and 1918 have again joined the colours.

On this occasion, newspapers recalled the Anzacs' heroic showing at the Dardanelles and note specially the moral value of their assistance for the whole British Empire.—Havas.

American Comment

New York, Feb. 13.

"The Allied Army now assembling on that historic ground would seem to form an assurance against any attempt to spread the war," says the "New York Times" today, commenting on the arrival of the Australian and New Zealand forces in Egypt.

"Without firing a shot, it can act as a terrible warning to Russia and Germany in case either is tempted to strike in the Near East," the paper adds.

After paying tribute to the conception, planning and execution of transportation, the "New York Times" says, "but above all, the British should be proud of their daughter nations in the Pacific, so distant from this war, but so well aware of all it means for the continuance of their democratic way of life."

The "New York Herald-Tribune" says the movement is probably preparatory and precautionary, but the appearance of the Anzacs in Egypt is at least a striking demonstration that if something does happen in the Spring, the Allies have tremendous resources on which to draw for meeting it.—Reuter.

New Currency Planned For China

Tokyo Finance Minister On Coming Chances

Tokyo, Feb. 13.

The establishment of a new central régime in China would be followed by the adoption of a new currency, declared the Minister of Finance, Mr. Yukio Sakurauchi, at yesterday's session of the Budget Committee of the House of Representatives.

Asked when the economic bloc between Japan, Manchoukuo and China would be completed, he replied that the National Planning Board and the China Affairs Board were working out a plan with a view to completing the first stage of the establishment of the economic bloc by 1943.

The Finance Minister also reiterated the necessity for extending assistance to the Federal Reserve Bank note issue in North China so as to make it maintain its value.—Reuter.

Italian Supreme War Council Busy

Country Brought to Highest Point Of Preparedness

Rome, Feb. 13.

Signor Mussolini presided over another meeting of the Supreme Defence Council last night.

The meeting, the fourth held by the Council within five days, lasted 2½ hours and another session will be held today.

It is understood the Council has decided to intensify measures being taken to bring Italy to the highest point of preparedness to meet any eventuality. At the same time, it is thought, the Council was of the opinion that until May the international situation lays upon Italy the obligation of accumulating, for national purposes, the yield of her factory labour.—Reuter.

"Hell to Break Loose," Says U.S. Envoy

Palm Beach, Fla., Feb. 13.

Mr. Joseph Kennedy, American Ambassador in London, said here yesterday that "all hell is liable to break loose in Europe this spring," and "London is the hot spot." He spoke at a social function before ending his Florida vacation and returning to Washington.

Mr. Kennedy said he would undergo a physical examination on next Monday and return to London on February 24. He was recalled to Washington last month to report to President Roosevelt on the latest developments in Europe. Mr. Kennedy's visit to Washington, it is believed, may have been connected with President Roosevelt's peace moves in the past week.—United Press.

Swedes Rescued by British Warship

Nazis Sink Six Ships in Past Week; Convoys Now 99.783 Per Cent. Safe

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 13.

A British warship rescued ten survivors of the Swedish ship Orania (1,854 tons), torpedoed on Sunday night without warning in total darkness and sank within three minutes, it was revealed today. The crew of 24 barely had time to scramble into lifeboats. A boat containing the captain, his wife and 12 seamen, is missing. The Chief Officer, Mr. Slindberg, and nine other men were rescued by a British warship. Mr. Slindberg said today: "We never saw the submarine, but she must have observed our sailing lights. We lost all our belongings. We were picked up by a British warship, whose crew provided us with clothes and food."

Burgerdijk Sinking Mystery

The naval authorities here are puzzled by the contradictory messages about the sinking of the Dutch steamer Burgerdijk which apparently sent an S.O.S. the day before yesterday that she was sinking as the result of a collision. Early next morning news was received that the entire crew of the Burgerdijk was safe aboard another Dutch steamer, the 8,000-ton Edam, which found no trace of the other ship involved in the supposed collision. Yesterday, the owners announced that they had received a message from the captain that the Burgerdijk was torpedoed by a U-boat. The question, whether the U-boat forced the captain of the Burgerdijk to report in his S.O.S. that his ship had been in a collision to conceal the presence of the U-boat, is expected to be cleared up on the arrival of the Edam.

Three British and three neutral merchant ships were sunk by German action last week, according to an Admiralty announcement. The British losses totalled 19,585 tons, and in addition the 224-ton fishing trawler Teresa Boyle was sunk in a German air raid on February 10. Neutral losses totalled 10,128 tons.

Up to February 7, the Admiralty states, the number of ships escorted in British convoys since the beginning of the war was 8,284, of which only eighteen were lost—.217 per cent. Of the eighteen lost, two were neutrals, and only the Greek vessel Keramiat was sunk by a U-Boat, which was itself destroyed.

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Herr Hitler Telephones Duce Over Welles Mission

Fuehrer Returns to Berlin; German Press Mention U.S. Initiative Without Comment

Berlin, Feb. 13.

THE impending visit of the United States Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, to European capitals was the subject of an exchange of views between Rome and Berlin in the course of the week-end, it was reliably learned here last night. Herr Adolf Hitler spoke with Signor Benito Mussolini by telephone and the Italian and German Foreign Offices were also in contact on Saturday and Sunday. President Roosevelt's move was still the leading subject under discussion at the Foreign Office here yesterday, although no statement of official attitude has yet been made available.—United Press.

Herr Hitler Returns to Berlin

Amsterdam, Feb. 13.

Herr Hitler has now returned to the Chancellery in Berlin, from "somewhere in Germany." The Fuehrer, it is reported, is "continuing to examine the situation." News of the proposed journey to Europe of Mr. Sumner Welles, United States' Under-Secretary of State, was allowed to appear in the German press for the first time yesterday.

In all German papers reaching Holland the news was given in a single paragraph of five lines, well hidden and without comment.

German propagandists apparently waited to see how the rest of the world reacted before reacting themselves.—Reuter.

Possible "Strange Change"

Oslo, Feb. 13.

The conservative morning newspaper "Morgenbladet" yesterday called the projected tour of Mr. Sumner Welles to European capitals as a "war on the foreign front without the war spirit." "Perhaps," the newspaper said, "the world will be surprised by some strange change soon."—United Press.

Dutch Press Sceptical

Amsterdam, Feb. 12.

The general sympathy being shown by the Dutch press towards the peace initiative taken by President Roosevelt, in the form of the impending visit of Mr. Welles to Europe, is being liberally mixed with scepticism as to the possibilities of success of the mission.

The Catholic "Maasbode," a prominent newspaper, predicted that Mr. Welles would unquestionably be greeted with greater interest in Berlin than in either London or Paris.

"It is well known in Berlin," the "Maasbode" declare, "that London and Paris will be in an uncomfortable position when pressed by President Roosevelt to accept peace terms that fall far short of their avowed war-aims. Germany has nothing to lose and is in a far better position to negotiate with the President than are her adversaries."—Havas.

Two Aides for Mr. Welles

Washington, Feb. 12.

Only two men will accompany Mr. Sumner Welles on his trip to Europe, it was learned here today. The two will be Mr. Jay P. Moffat, head of the European Section in the State Department, and Mr. Lucius Johnson, Third Secretary at the American Embassy in Panama, who will act as Mr. Welles' secretary.

Discussions of disarmament and a sound system of international trade were held at the State Department today by Mr. Welles and the envoys of Belgium, Hungary and Spain. Representing the three countries in Washington are Count Robert van der Straten-Ponthoz for Belgium, M. Johann Pelenyi for Hungary and Sr. Juan Francisco Cardenas for Spain.

Diplomatic quarters disclosed today that the State Department will probably forward them a memorandum on economic organization after the European War and on disarmament.—Havas.

Eire Receives Note

Dublin, Feb. 12.

The Eirean Government today received a communication from the United States Government dealing with the conversations that Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. State Secretary, announced would be launched with neutrals. The question of participating in these parleys is being studied by the Government and, authoritative circles stated, it will give full support to President Roosevelt's initiative.—Havas.

Soviet Attack on Mission

Moscow, Feb. 12.

The Welles mission in Europe drew bitter comment today from the Soviet trade unions' newspaper "Trud" (Labour), which asserted: "Sumner Welles, U.S. Assistant State Secretary, is a travelling salesman for American imperialism just as Colonel House (President Wilson's personal representative) was during the Great War. Mr. Welles' trip is most significant. The United States has not yet entered the second imperialist war. Just as during the first one, it is making observations and taking advantage of the situation."—Havas.

Rumania Continues to Call Up Reserves

Bucharest, Feb. 13.

Rumania will continue calling up reserve troops for training and expects to have almost 2,000,000 men under arms by March, Government authorities said today.—United Press.

Holland Angry at U-Boat Action

Sweden Lists Shipping Losses; Denmark Gives Warning to Nazi Reich

Amsterdam, Feb. 13.

Holland is seething with indignation over the news of the torpedoing by a German submarine of the Holland-America vessel Burgerdijk (6,853 tons) which is now officially confirmed.

The vessel, it is learned, was nine-tenths laden with goods destined for the Dutch Government, including a quantity of grain, the remaining tenth consisting of piece-goods for individual Dutch importers.

Bound for Rotterdam, the vessel did not plan to touch at any foreign port, so there can be no question of contraband.

The affair is regarded here as an even more flagrant violation of international law than the recent torpedoing of the motorship Arendskerk, which was carrying non-contraband goods to South Africa.

This is the 13th ship lost by Holland during the war and the third to be torpedoed.—Reuter.

Swedish Ship Losses

Stockholm, Feb. 13.

Swedish ship losses since the outbreak of the European war total 34 aggregating 65,288 tons, the Swedish News Agency reported today.

Swedish losses, the report said, amount to one-twentieth of Sweden's total shipping tonnage. The announcement caused deep concern throughout the nation and prominent political quarters insisted it would be necessary for the Government to engage in debate on means for halting the rapid destruction of Sweden's shipping facilities.

"When Germany states that we should follow America's example and take all Swedish ships out of the war zone," the newspaper "Dagens Nyheter" commented, "we can only answer that this is impossible, because our imports are of such a nature that we must absolutely continue to trade with both sides in the war."

The Foreign Minister, it was understood, may be interpellated on the measures he intends to take. Some quarters believed he should seek guarantees from the belligerents against the destruction of Swedish ships.

Denmark Warns Germany

Copenhagen, Feb. 12.

If Germany continues sinking neutral Danish merchantmen trading with Britain, Denmark may be compelled to take retaliatory measures by ceasing all sales of farm produce to the Reich, political quarters here warned today.

Indication of such action was given, they pointed out, in recent articles published by the Danish press in general and the influential and usually well-informed "Politiken" and "Social Demokraten" in particular.—Havas.

Norwegian Ship Lost

Oslo, Feb. 13.

The Norwegian steamer Nidarholm (3,482 tons) was sunk on Monday, according to a telegram received by her owners. The crew was saved.—Reuter.

New Nazi-Red Trade Accord Reached

Amsterdam Foresees Major Transport Difficulties

Amsterdam, Feb. 13.

A new Soviet-German trade agreement, providing for a total turnover of 1,000,000,000 marks, was signed in Moscow during the weekend, according to the Berlin correspondent of the newspaper "Telegraaf."

The correspondent learns that German industry will erect a whole series of factories in Russia, in exchange for deliveries of raw materials and foodstuffs.

The factories, according to this report, will include works for large-scale production of artificial rubber.

It is believed the goods which Russia will send to Germany will include large quantities of grain, ore and petroleum. Neutral observers here express the opinion that transport difficulties may form a great obstacle to fulfilment of the agreement.—Reuter.

Official German Communique

Berlin, Feb. 13.

An official communique said last night that Russia has "inexhaustible raw materials, whose exploitation has been tremendously increased during recent years," the communique said. Germany has such a great industrial capacity, it claimed, that she will be able entirely to cover Russia's requirements for industrial finished goods, despite Germany's military requirements.

The two countries plan to "provide a very large exchange of Russian raw materials for German industrial products," the communique declared.—United Press

Conditions in Austria Revealing Sad Economic Deterioratoin

Factories Closing, Railways in Shocking Condition; Employees Very Much Driven

Amsterdam, Feb. 12.

The shocking industrial conditions in Austria, with factories closed down, and more closing daily; with unemployment a national problem steadily becoming worse, were revealed graphically by information that has filtered out of the once-aristocratic country.

The great Viennese chocolate and baking factories have closed their doors from lack of raw material and have thereby thrown many more men and women out of work. Most of the textile factories have gone out of business, their former women employees being forced to work in the munitions factories. Great numbers of the smaller shops—integral parts of the commercial system which supports Vienna—have boarded up their doors and windows, and more workers are out in the street.

Discontent is rife among the workers—that is, those still at work. As in Germany, the employees are practically prisoners of the company for which they work, as they are forbidden to leave without their employer's consent. All workers are compelled to become members of the Nazi organization—the German Workers' Front.

During the months of October, November and December, Vienna was the scene, not only of minor accidents, but of railroad catastrophes that took a high toll of human lives. The cause for them is not hard to find—simply the unnatural strain put on man and machine alike. Railroad workers are compelled to work twelve to fourteen uninterrupted hours a day. Three days may pass without them getting a chance to change clothing, so short are the rests and stops.

Rolling stock locomotives and cars are in just as bad a condition as the human workers, and just as ruthlessly used. The waste on the Austrian railways is terrific. All in all, the general condition of the railroads in Austria, which is no worse than in Germany, is an excellent indication of the Hitlerian economic structure's strength.—Havas.

Turkish Government Thwarts Nazi Effort to Steal Submarine

Correspondent of "The Times" Reveals "Brazen German Attempt"; Marines Occupy Shipyards

London, Feb. 13.

The Turkish Government is reported to have thwarted a "brazen German attempt" to steal a Turkish submarine, states the Balkan correspondent of "The Times."

In the last week-end, the correspondent writes, marines occupied part of the shipyards in Golden Horn where Krupp workers were assembling two submarines for the Turkish Government.

Both submarines, which have already been launched, would have been completed some time ago but for the war. When one was nearly ready, some 20 German specialists arrived from Germany, for the trials.

No ulterior motive seems to have occurred to the Turks until the Germans suggested that, as recent first trials have been known to end in disaster, it would be better if that vessel was manned by a purely German crew. This aroused suspicions, which rapidly increased when stores far in excess of those needed for trials were demanded. A report was hurried to Ankara and occupation of the shipyads resulted.

It is believed in Istanbul, "The Times" correspondent adds, that the plan was to steal the submarine and make off either to a Bulgarian or a Soviet port and there await Berlin's instructions.—Reuter.

Battle Raging in South Kwangsi

Occupation of Pingyang By Chinese Confirmed; Many Casualties

Chunking, Feb. 13.

A communiqué issued here today on the Kwangsi battle states that fighting is at present in progress at Szelung, south-east of Pingyang, which fell into Chinese hands on Sunday night.

It states that Japanese forces which withdrew from Wuming towards Shuanchiao, after receiving reinforcements, launched a counter-attack on Sunday night in an effort to support the Japanese column retreating to the south-west of Pingyang. The Japanese are said to have reached Szelung.

After three days of "irresistible encirclement and flanking movements by the Chinese, Japanese forces are commencing a general withdrawal towards Nanning," the Chinese communiqué adds.

Chinese forces recaptured Pingyang, north-east of Nanning, former capital of Kwangsi province, on Sunday night, it is officially announced here today.

After occupying the principal strategic points south of Pingyang, Chinese forces on Sunday morning launched an attack on Japanese forces holding out in Pingyang city, it is stated.

After day-long fighting, the Chinese forces captured the city, inflicting 5,000 casualties, the official announcement added.

Evacuation Claim Ridiculed

In an editorial on the Chinese victory in South Kwangsi, the "Sao Tang Pao," organ of the Chinese army, this morning ridiculed the Japanese announcement of the "voluntary evacuation of Pingyang."

"Following their occupation of Nanning, the Japanese, during the entire month of December, were engaged in a struggle for possession of Kunlankwan, the strategic pass north-east of Nanning," the newspaper declares.

"When Chinese troops, in a bitter battle, recaptured Kunlunkwan, in which one Japanese brigade of the 5th Division was wiped out and the major-general commanding the brigade killed in action, the Japanese launched an offensive in North Kwangtung. They hoped to draw Chinese troops to North Kwangtung, thereby facilitating their plans for another offensive in South Kwangsi," the "Sao Tang Pao" concluded.—Reuter.

Finns Stand Fast as Reds Renew Troops

(Continued from page 7)

Commissar, is himself directing operations on the Finnish front. Military quarters here state the question now is less whether the Finns can keep holding out than whether the Russians can go on hurling new divisions against the Mannerheim Line without regard for loss of life. The Russians, using 150 tanks, attempted to outflank the Mannerheim Line but were repelled by the Finnish batteries.—Havas.

Leningrad Communique

Moscow, Feb. 13.

Thirty two Finnish defence fortifications, including twelve forts, were captured by Soviet troops during operations in the Karelian Isthmus yesterday, the Leningrad General Staff announced in an official communique this morning.—Havas.

Town of Summa in Ruins

Stockholm, Feb. 13.

Little remains of the town of Summa, centre of the great Russian offensive, except a mass of splinters and debris from wrecked houses, according to reports received here. From the continued fury of the Russian attacks, it appears the Russian command is staking everything on breaking through the Mannerheim Line before the heavy snowfalls, which usually occur at the end of February, make further progress temporarily impossible.—Reuter.

Reds Bombard Viipuri

Helsinki, Feb. 13.

Russian long-range artillery opened up for the first time in many days on Sunday night and yesterday and bombarded Viipuri from a distance of 25 miles, it was unofficially learned here last night.

Two series of 20 shells each were sent hurtling into Viipuri on Sunday night, killing one person each, it was said. Damage was unknown, but it was noted that long-range guns preclude the use of large charges of explosives.

It was learned that Viipuri was raided by Red bombers at 9 p.m. on Sunday. Military sources said they had no knowledge of the Viipuri bombardment.

The United Press correspondent at Kirkenaes, Norway, reported intense Soviet air activity on the Petsamo front yesterday, which continued long after dark. Scores of Russian planes were observed from the Norwegian frontier flying southward toward Rovaniemi, which was believed to be the main object of the air attack.—United Press.

Karelian Offensive Fails

Stockholm, Feb. 13.

The Russian offensive against the Mannerheim Line on the Karelian Isthmus for the time being has failed and its strength during recent attacks indicates that the offensive has almost lost its force, it was learned yesterday.

High Finnish authorities gave this information by telephone from Helsinki yesterday. It coincided with what was learned in Finland. The Russians will probably renew their offensive, however. Indications are that the Red High Command may try to force a decisive phase in the war before foreign aid to Finland becomes fully effective.

The "Dagens Nyheter" correspondent on the northern Finn front claimed that the Russians were repulsed today on the northern front after a heavy attack. More than 500 Soviet troops were killed, he reported. Approximately 100 Russian parachutists, dropped with machine-guns and skis along the northern Finn front, were either captured or killed today, the correspondent said.

Details of the amount of foreign aid and its origins have been carefully concealed by the Finns, but it was learned that assistance is arriving in much larger amounts than is generally believed either in Finland or abroad. Within six or eight weeks the Finns will have enough fast fighter planes to make the Russian air raids a dangerous business to the Russians.—United Press.

British Volunteers Ready

London, Feb. 13.

No British volunteers have yet gone to Finland, it was stated in Finnish circles in London last night. Many had filled in forms volunteering their services, it was added.—Reuter.

Swedes Rescued by British Warship

(Continued from page 7)

The Admiralty today launched an appeal for 10,000 fishermen, between the ages of 18 and 45, to man naval patrol ships. About 10,000 men in this category have already joined the patrol service since the beginning of the war.

Two German aircraft visited the fringe of the Orkney Islands late yesterday. A warning was passed round the islands, and school children in two towns and other places were sent home. No bombs were dropped and the raiders did not venture over more than a small area of the islands.—Reuter.

German Submarine Destroyed

Lisbon, Feb. 13.

A German submarine was destroyed on Sunday when one French and one British destroyer dropped depth bombs ten miles off Cascaes, Portugal yesterday, it was believed here last night. The destroyers sank the submarine when it attacked the British freighter Oregon, it was said.—United Press.

German Freighter Scuttled

Rio De Janeiro, Feb. 13.

The crew of the 3,771-ton German freighter Wakama, which left here on Sunday, opened the vessel's seacocks and set the ship afire upon the approach of the British cruiser Hawkins, crew members of the British cruiser said here last night.

Members of the crew of the Hawkins, which arrived here at 7 p.m. yesterday, said the ship sank, but did not reveal the fate of the Wakama's crew. The United Press was informed that there were no German sailors aboard the Hawkins.

Authoritative sources said the Wakama sent out an S.O.S. on Sunday off the Brazilian state of Espirito Santo, but gave no reason for the call for help. The ship was carrying a cargo of coffee, lard, rice, hides and minerals.

Press reports said two Brazilian ships searched the area but found no trace of the Wakama nor reason why the S.O.S. had been sent. The Wakama was en route to a mid-Atlantic rendezvous with other German ships to form a convoy in an attempt to run the Allied blockade.

It was recalled that at least five German ships have left Brazilian ports during the last nine days.—United Press.

Yunnan Rly Traffic Blocked

Damage to Tunnel Holds Up Use of Line; Many Parties Kept Waiting

Hongkong, Feb. 13.

Traffic on the Yunnan Railway, vital supply route of the Chungking régime, was completely paralyzed as a result of Japanese bombing on January 31, a belated Chinese press message reaching here today from Hanoi said.

Passenger traffic on the railway, which had been barely maintained by a change of cars at damaged points since the beginning of January, has been entirely suspended following the Japanese mass air raid, the dispatch said.

During the spectacular mass raid, more than 500 bombs were reported to have been dropped. A tunnel between Paichai and Wantang in the south-eastern part of Yunnan province was most severely damaged.

It was estimated that the repair work of the shattered tunnel will take at least one month, the reports added. Mr. Chiang Kia-ngau, Minister of Communications in Chungking, narrowly escaped injury by taking a train for Hanoi from Yunnan-fu on the previous day.

Numerous travellers have been forced to remain at Haiphong and Hanoi due to the complete suspension of the Yunnan Railway, while a large quantity of commodities are being held at Saigon and Haiphong, the dispatch stated.

Among those being held up is a party of Chinese youths from Hongkong which left the British colony for Chungking last month to present a sword to Gen. Chiang Kai-shek as a token of homage.—Domei.

Popular Italian Attache Leaving

Dr. Fabrizio Maria Apollonj, Italian Press Attaché in Shanghai since 1937, is leaving this city on Saturday on home leave. Prior to embarking in the President Coolidge at Yokohama on March 15, Dr. Apollonj will visit North China and Korea.

Dr. Apollonj arrived in Shanghai in April 1937, after having been transferred from the Ministry of Popular Culture in Rome. Prior to his government appointment, Dr. Apollonj studied in Rome and Berlin, obtaining decrees in law and political economy.

He expects to be back in Shanghai in October at the latest and during his absence, Sig. Raffaele Ferrajolo, First Chinese Secretary, will also assume the functions of Press Attaché.

Marines Put Out Blaze In Barracks

Engines from Ichang Road fire station were summoned to a blaze which had broken out in the mess hall of Billet Miller, home of the Second Battalion, Fourth United States Marines, at 372 Haiphong Road, shortly before 5.45 a.m. yesterday. When the firemen arrived at the scene, they found that a number of Marines had not remained inactive, having made use of all the hand extinguishers in the vicinity. A few minutes later, the fire engines were able to return to their station, only a wooden partition and the ceiling having been slightly damaged.

A Drastic Gambling Craze Cure

Chinese Cuts Off Finger Top, Carries It About

In order to cure himself of an overpowering gambling mania, a middle aged Chinese resident in Shanghai recently took drastic measures—he chopped off the top of his little finger on one hand. Today this resident walks about with the severed portion in a bottle of alcohol and, when he feels the gambling urge creep upon him, he takes out the bottle and looks at his erstwhile finger tip. This acts as a splendid deterrent, he says.

This story would not have emerged had it not been for an armed robbery which took place a few days ago on Taku Road, near Racecourse Road, after which two robbers were arrested. Both of these men appeared in the First Special District Court yesterday.

These two desperadoes held up a Chinese gentleman and robbed him of his overcoat and some money. One of them was arrested by Chinese detective 213 at the scene of the crime and the other was arrested later. An imitation pistol was found at the scene.

In company with the detective, the robber and the complainant were taken to Chengtu Road police station, where enquiries were made. Here foreign detectives noticed that the complainant's little finger was bound up in a blood-soaked rag. He was asked how he came by the injury and the whole story came out.

He told the detectives of his gambling craze and how he had lopped off the tip of his finger. Before their astounded gaze he then dived his hand into his pocket and produced the bottle of alcohol with the severed portion inside. This, he told them, would have the effect of acting as a deterrent against the craze and he would always carry it about with him. He was taken to hospital where his finger was dressed.

Women of A.T.S. Serving in France

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 13.

A number of women of the Auxiliary Territorial Service are now on duty in France, it is learned here today. The exact number is not known, but it is believed that they are only a portion of those who will eventually be overseas.—Reuter.

S.A. Fund Now Over $75,000

Hopes for Full $80,000 By End of Week

Donations received yesterday by the Salvation Army raised the 1940 Appeal Fund to beyond the $75,000 mark, which causes Army officers to believe that the full $80,000 will have been donated by the end of the current week.

Brigadier B. Morris, Regional Officer, and other officers of the Army yesterday had completed the task of distributing $5,000 in free rice tickets to needy rickshawmen. Another $5,000 worth of tickets will be distributed in March.

The new list of donations follows:

Annual Appeal, 1940

B/forward	$72,739.81	Lloyd Triestino	51
R C A Com.	200	Rev and Mrs F W Weaver	50
"M M"	100	Miss E Arquello	50
Brit Mil Forces	100	Eugene A Erny	50
W R M Stevens	100	South Brit Ins Co. Ltd	50
Li Ming	100	Alexander Clark Co, Ltd	25
A P Thompson	50	R L Baude	30
"J H P"	50	M A F	23
J L Hunter	50	Mrs Coley	25
G Bourne	50	Bentleys Limited	25
A Schumacher	50	The M L Co	25
Fan Chu Sun	30	R Bodson	20
J M Hykes	25	Dr M Klatchko	20
A W Robson	25	F R Smith	20
H Aufwerber	25	L A Woodward	15
C H Yeh	25	F R Smith & Co	15
W C D Taylor	25	T M Yao	10
"D R"	25	C Ivery	10
Anon	25	M Marshall	10
"F C P"	25	G Robert	10
J Paterson	20	F P C Ashe	10
L V Larsen	10	Mrs A A Marco	10
W G Scott	10	Gen. Acc Fire & Life Assurance	10
W Eiffler	10	Miss M A Fair	10
I Baumzveiger	10	J E	5
T Spikins	10	E Smith	5
Geo B Fryer	10	The "China Digest"	5
R Pontet	10	Miss A H Finkelstein	2
V Larsen	5		
H F Newton	5		
Klienberger	3		
US$22.00	234.90		
Anonymous	500		
E C Allan	100		
Dr and Mrs R M Paty, Jr	100		
Miss O Melton	65		
			$75,585.91

"Rice Bus" and "Waifs" Fund

B/forward	$56,527.77	The Chinese M Custom's Staff	300
Alexander Sieh	200	"World Day of Prayer"	175
Per NCDN	140	K Knitters Club per NCDN	100
"A Chinese Sympathiser"	157	Nan Ku-sung	100
O A S	100	Chang Ch'ing Sun (In Memory of our Father)	100
Ceylon Gems	50	Some Chinese Ladies	30
Y.L.M.	30	G L W	25
E A Rodgers	30	A Chinese Friend	15
Anonymous	25	Miss Katherine Collins	15
Mrs Shih Ju	20	William S H Hung per NCDN	10
Hou Shou-liang	15	H F Newton	5
Anonymous	15	H W Brown	5
Sally & Clem	10	Mrs Wu	5
Hou Shao-shing	10	Chi Ken-sha	5
Lo Wei Chi	10		
Mrs Li An Ma	5		
Anonymous	7.50		
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Chou An-shang	1		
Li Nan Nan	1		
Lo Tsui Mei	1		
Chau Ah Shang	1		
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Chinese Electrocuted On Tientsin Wires

Tientsin, Feb. 13.

A foreign eye-witness reports that while riding early this morning, he saw the body of a Chinese who had been electrocuted by the live wires surrounding the blockaded foreign areas.

The body, which was lying inside the British area, not far from the border of the French Concession, had already been taken off the wire. It had the same greenish yellow tinge which characterizes the bodies of other electroduction victims seen by him in the early stages of the blockade.—Reuter.

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Nazi Press Tell of "Polish Terror"

Berne, Feb. 13.

The entire German press announced today that 58,000 German civilians died "victims of Polish terrorism" during last September and that 85,000 German civilians in all disappeared in that month. The papers said these figures far exceeded losses sustained by the German troops in the Polish campaign.—Havas.

Head of Gaimusho Heckled

Mr. Arita Accused of Pro-British Leanings; Troops In Shanghai Discussed

Tokyo, Feb. 13.

Government leaders were again made the target of attacks by members of the Diet today when Mr. Hachiro Arita, Foreign Minister, was accused of constantly bowing to Britain.

Mr. Arita was bitterly criticized by an interpellator, Mr. Ryo Koyama, during a session of the House budget committee.

Mr. Koyama charged that British troops were stationed in Shanghai illegally and that there were no treaties which permitted them to stay there.

Mr. Arita replied that he had no desire to discuss the question of foreign troops in Shanghai.

The interpellator accused the Foreign Minister of British bias and mishandling the Terukuni and Asama Maru cases.

He also asserted that Mr. Arita was partly responsible for the resignation of Baron Kiichiro Hiranuma, former Premier, and therefore he should have refused a Cabinet post in the present Yonai Government.

The Japanese people have no confidence in Arita diplomacy which "is constantly bowing to Britain," he said.

Mr. Koyama charged that Britain was responsible for the sinking of the Terukuni Maru. (The Terukuni Maru sank off Britain after hitting a mine).

Mr. Arita disclaimed responsibility for the resignation of the Hiranuma Cabinet. He admitted, however, that the British and German explanations regarding the sinking of the Terukuni Maru were unsatisfactory and that therefore he was awaiting fuller explanations from the countries concerned.—United Press.

New Settlements Proposed

Tokyo, Feb. 13.

Evacuation of Japanese settlers from the United States to form colonies on Hainan Island and in the Dutch East Indies was suggested today at a meeting of the budget committee of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Hachiro Arita, Minister of Foreign Affairs, asserted that the proposal was "a useful suggestion."

Mr. Reikichi Kita, a member of the Minseito Party, made the suggestion when he questioned Mr. Arita about how the Government planned to take care of the Japanese in the United States.

"The Japanese settlers in the United States at present," Mr. Kita charged, "are being subjected to various kinds of maltreatment.

"Has the Government any intention of recalling these settlers and using them for the development of Hainan Island and the Dutch East Indies?" he inquired.

In reply, the Japanese Foreign Minister declared:

"Mr. Kita's view contains a very useful suggestion on future policies regarding Japanese settlers.

"Although it is questionable whether or not Japan, in anticipation of possible eventualities in her relations with the United States, should contemplate calling back Japanese settlers in America, the Japanese Government is prepared to meet the wishes of those who want to move to other parts of the world," Mr. Arita stated.—Domei.

Japan's Army Fund Questioned

War Minister Refuses to Explain Estimates; Alleged Interference in Politics

Tokyo, Feb. 13.

A considerable "breeze" was caused in the Lower House of Parliament yesterday evening, when Mr. Ryozo Makino, prominent member of the Seiyukai party, pressed the War Minister, General Shunroku Hata, to explain the national defence plans to the extent of enabling the House to examine properly the colossal armament expansion programme.

The War Minister reiterated that the plan represented the very minimum required for the sake of national security, in view of the huge scale of the war in China and the rapid changes in the international situation. He refused to disclose the nature of the plan.

Mr. Makino expressed dissatisfaction at the explanation.

"At this rate," he declared "we cannot continue discussion of the budget as far as the army's expenses are concerned."

Tension ensued when General Hata again declared that he could not give any explanation of the army's armament policy.

The situation was eased, however, when the Overseas Minister, General Kuniaki Koiso, speaking as an ex-army officer, pointed out that a convincing explanation of the armament plan would necessitate enumerating the divisions and actual strength of the army, thereby divulging strategic plans to potential enemies.

General Koiso's remarks were greeted with applause.—Reuter.

Interference Charged

Tokyo, Feb. 13.

Alleged meddling in politics by members of the Japanese army and navy was debated yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the budgetary committee of the House of Representatives.

The discussion developed after Gen. Shunroku Hata, Minister of War, refused to give a full explanation of proposed military expenses.

Cabinet Ministers alone were directly responsible for advising the Emperor in the conduct of state affairs, Gen. Hata declared. However, researches made and views expressed by staff members of the War Office in the discharge of their official duties had never been regarded as interference in politics, he added.—Domei.

Soviet Ship Brings Gold To San Francisco

San Francisco, Feb. 13.

Loaded with $5,610,000 worth of gold, the Soviet freighter Kim arrived here on February 7. The ship weighed anchor today for the Mexican port of Manzanille with nothing in her holds. It is believed that the freighter will take on a cargo of copper and other raw materials before leaving for Vladivostok. There are four women among the members of the crew.—Havas.

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"Liliom" Performances In Aid of Finns

Local Amateurs Presenting Famous Molnar Play

Finland is protecting not only herself but the rest of Europe against brutal aggression. She has shown what a small nation, determined to defend her rights to the last, can do. The result is that the brave little country, apart from halting the aggressor, has made the entire world her friend and people who have never been in Finland and who have never even known a Finn, are rallying to the country's assistance in the best way they can. In Shanghai large sums of money have already been collected and more is to come because a group of distinguished amateurs have been working feverishly for weeks towards making Ferenc Molnar's "Liliom", which is to be presented at the Lyceum Theatre on March 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, one of the outstanding dramatic and social successes of the season, at the same time adding further to the funds already collected.

It is obvious that when the question of doing something for charity or a good cause comes into play, everyone concerned gives the very best he or she can. Mr. Francis G. Gmehling, known for his outstanding work with the A.D.C. and other dramatic groups, is overjoyed with the progress which has been made during rehearsals so far. He will play the main part of "Liliom" himself and has taken great care to select his cast in such a manner as to assure the success of the affair well before the curtain rises on the gala opening performance.

Other members of the cast include: Mrs. Jocelyn Ricketts, Mrs. Phil Tweedlie, Mrs. Pat Merritt, Miss Dallas Lee Franklin, Mrs. May Pecaric, Mr. Donald MacAlister, Mr. H. Visser, Mr. F. N. Mollitz, Mr. Ian Sinclair, Mr. Douglas Mortlock, Mr. Sidney Tremlett, Mr. Charles Cumming, Mr. Bill Hunt, Mr. R. Spivey and Mr. C. J. Merritt.

A committee consisting of Mr. John McNeil, Mr. R. T. Peyton-Griffin, Mr. R. J. E. Price and Mr. E. S. Wilkinson are busily engaged in attending to the many things which go towards making an amateur production a success.

Signora U. M. Tavella has volunteered to take care of the settings and Mr. O. P. Edwards will perform the duties of stage manager.

The performances will be held under a most distinguished patronage and bookings will open at Moutrie's on Monday, three weeks before the opening performance because of the large number of requests already received by members of the committee. It is therefore kindly requested that no further applications for tickets be sent to members of the committee and that, instead, reservation should be made with Moutrie's commencing on February 19.

DERBY is one of the few towns in England where public-houses brew their own beer. A surveyor made this statement recently at a Derby licensing assessment appeal in London. He added "The beer is naturally very popular with local people. At one Derby public-house trade is perpendicular. People dash in for quick pints and dash out again.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

OWING to the heavy weather, the speed trials to the N.Y.K. Nitta Maru to be held off Nagasaki Harbour have been postponed to Thursday.

MR. H. A. Allan of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hankow, is leaving today for Hongkong en route to England on long leave, where he will join his wife and family.

OVER 1,000 small factories, mostly weaving and paper mills, have been established by the Chinese in the guerilla areas in Shansi province, says a Chungking message to the "Sin Wan Pao."

COL. J. W. Hornby was host at a farewell cocktail party to Major C. J. Corbin and Major W. M. Graham, on Monday night at the Cercle Sportif Français, where a large number of friends of the departing officers gathered.

THE date of the Community Church organ concert in aid of the Anti-Tuberculosis Association, has been changed from February 29 to March 7, in order not to clash with the ball to be given at the Cercle Sportif Français.

A BRIDGE and mahjongg tea in aid of British Women's Association headquarters funds has been arranged for Friday, at 3 p.m. The committee hope that members will give this their full support. Tables can be reserved at the office.

A SUM of over $36,000 was raised by the authorities in Yunnan province from the general public as contributions to the Chinese fighting units for the three days ended February 12, says a Kunming message to the "National Herald."

THE Portuguese Ladies' Benevolent Society are giving a concert in aid of their charities on Saturday, February 24, at the College Municipale, Route Vallon, at 9 p.m. The programme has been carefully selected and all are assured of an excellent performance.

A RECEPTION is being held at the Clarendon Club, 55 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, today at 5 p.m. on the occasion of its fourth anniversary. Children dressed as Valentines will greet the guests. Lady Clark Kerr, wife of the British Ambassador, will be the guest of honour.

SIX months ago a trusted friend, now a possible foe, Norway appeared to have changed much in the estimation of Soviet officialdom as steps are being taken to reopen the U.S.S.R. Consulate-General in Shanghai, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported yesterday.

REPORTS of its work among Jewish refugees during the past twelve months will be given at Shanghai Hebrew Mission's annual meeting from 5.30—6.45 p.m., in the hall of the Shanghai Free Christian Church, 681 Hart Road. Chairman; Dr. Lacey Little:—Guest speaker; Mr. Robert Gillies. Tea from 4.30 p.m.

DR. H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan and concurrently Finance Minister of the Chinese Government, has accepted an invitation from Dr. R. Tagore, as honorary patron of the Department of Chinese of the India International University, of which Dr. Tagore is the secretary-general, says a Chungking message to the "Sin Wan Pao."

IN a communication to the Shanghai Flour Merchants Guild, the City Chamber of Commerce urged that measures be immediately devised to lower the flour prices for the benefit of the city's poor, says a report to the "Sin Wan Pao." Flour has become the main diet of the poor, as a substitute for rice and other foodstuffs. The poor cannot afford to buy rice, the communication pointed out.

THE poultry industry is at the present time in a pitiful plight, owing to the shortage of essential foods for their stock. Thousands of stock raisers throughout the country see ahead nothing but bankruptcy. In some areas only twenty-five per cent of the normal supplies of wheat, oats and offal is available, and as a result stocks are being killed off and sold at a loss, glutting the market.

THERE will be a short organ recital in the Cathedral this afternoon preceding the Lenten Service, Mrs. J. Davidson will be at the organ. The organ music will commence at approximately 5.15 p.m. and the service will begin at 5.30 p.m., when the Dean will preach the third in his series of Lenten addresses, his subject being "Belief in Jesus Christ." Confirmation candidates are reminded that they are expected to attend this service.

SAN Francisco's Chinatown returned to normal on Monday following a three day Rice Bowl Festival. During the celebrations thousands of Occidentals jammed the narrow streets of the Chinese section of the city, contributing generously to the Chinese war refugee relief funds. Chinese quarters estimated that collections from the sale of rice bowl dinners, "Humanity Legion" buttons and other donations amounted to $50,000.

A NINETEEN year old girl Mabel Linney of Billingham on Tees is engaged to a man she has never seen, but to whom she has written some 200 letters and who has sent some 200 replies. She has an engagement ring of blackdiamonds set in gold, and will meet him at the boat when he returns to England this year and hopes to recognize him from his photographs. The man in question is Lance-Corporal Always Hounsome, aged twenty-five, of Edinburgh, who is now serving in India.

THE programme for the nineteenth Sunday symphony concert to be given in the Lyceum Theatre on Sunday, February 18, at 5.15 p.m. is as follows:—

Prelude a "L'Apres-Midi D'un Faune" .....Debussy
Pastoral Symphony ..Vaughan-Williams
Molto moderato
Lento moderato
Moderato pesante
Lento
(Solo Voice in the last movement: Ruth Fullam)
(First Performance)
Notturno .....Martucci
Novelletta .....Martucci
Tarantelle et Chanson Napolitaine from Suite "Vienezia e Napoli" ..Liszt
Conductor: Maestro Mario Paci.

Orchestra, Band Annual Report

Maestro M. Paci States 1939 One of Best Years Financially

The year 1939 was one of the most successful years for the S.M.C. Orchestra and Band, as regards both the musical production and the financial results, despite the continued unsettled political situation and the depression which has affected Shanghai, states Maestro Mario Paci in his annual report on the Orchestra and Band. The average attendance at winter symphony concerts was 670 people, as compared with 565 in 1938, and the total gross receipts for the year, including the summer season concerts, amounted to some $34,000, representing an increase of some $10,000 on the previous year. In fact, since the opening of the 1939-1940 Season in October last, several "full houses" were recorded, when it was necessary to turn away a number of people.

Thanks to the untiring and invaluable services rendered by the Business Sub-Committee, both the grants for the maintenance of the Municipal Orchestra by the local French Authorities and by the Italian Government, first accorded in 1938, have been renewed for the season October 1939 to May 1940. Besides these two grants of $20,000 and Lire 30,000 respectively, both the French Authorities and H.E. the Italian Ambassador, Marquis F. M. Taliani de Marchio, have again generously placed at the disposal of the Orchestra a large number of symphonic works by French and Italian composers so that a number of Concerts may be arranged devoted exclusively to the performance of those works.

Gifts from Abroad

In this connection it is of interest to record that the library of the Orchestra received during 1939, from gifts and loans, no less than 22 symphonic works by French and 32 symphonic works by Italian composers, and that the performances in April last of Perosi's Oratorio "The Resurrection of Christ," which met with great success, were rendered possible by the kind favour of H.E. the Italian Ambassador who obtained from Rome the loan of the music free of charge. Furthermore, it was possible to satisfy the public's desire for music by English composers thanks to the efforts of the Chairman of the Orchestra and Band Committee, Mr. R. G. MacDonald, who obtained the loan of some important works from the British Council. The strength of the Orchestra has been maintained as in 1939, and it has been reinforced by five extra musicians of Chinese nationality, whose salaries are paid out of the grant from the Italian Government.

Military Band Formed

Thirty-two members of the Orchestra and Band having joined, at the beginning of the hostilities in Shanghai, the S.M.P. Specials and formed, under the command of Bandmaster, W. W. Sayer, a military band, have continued to give their voluntary services and, at the annual parade of the Municipal Police Force, on November 5, the "Specials" Band services were considered very efficient, states Maestro Paci.

From the foregoing record of activities, it will be observed that the average attendance of 670 persons at the 34 concerts held during the eight months of the 1939 symphony season, has largely surpassed the average attendance of 565 persons recorded for 1938. Of the 34 concerts 13 were performed before full houses, while all the other 21 were very well attended, the conductor continues.

In conclusion the report states: As regards the concerts of the orchestra during summer, it should be recorded that, although on account of inclement weather a number of concerts had to be cancelled, the season must be considered a very successful one, 10,200 persons attended the orchestral concerts in the Jessfield and French Parks with an approximate gross total receipt of $8,900. Four special concerts at raised admission charges arranged in the French Park (where in previous seasons no attendances larger than 350 persons had ever been recorded) were attended by 2,500 persons; while 3,200 people attended the other four special concerts arranged in Jessfield Park.

The Brass-Band performances, 34 in number, were also very well attended and appreciated by the large crowds visiting the parks. The Conductor, concluding this annual report expresses his sincere appreciation to all artistes, professional and amateur, who in addition to the soloists, members of the orchestra, gave their welcome collaboration respectively as guest-conductors, composers, and vocal and instrumental soloists during 1939.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei Meets Lt.-Gen. Fujita

Mr. Wang Ching-wei, chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the Orthodox Kuomintang and organizer of the projected Central Government of China, invited Lieut.-Gen. Susumu Fujita, Commander of Japanese forces in the Shanghai area, to his Yu Yuen Road residence on Monday evening. Other Japanese Army officers were included in the invitation. According to local Japanese papers, they discussed the present political situation.

Concession Brigade Answers 38 Calls

No Important Fires During Month of January

Most fires which broke out in the French Concession during the month of January occurred between 6 p.m. and midnight according to the monthly report of the French Concession fire brigade. In all, a total of 38 calls was received during the month, 13 of which did not require the presence of the firemen because the flames had been extinguished before their arrival. Only five false alarms were received during the entire month, while a total of ten fires were extinguished by the fire brigade.

Ten Cases of Asphyxiation

No less than ten cases of asphyxiation were attended to during the month of January. In all cases, the victims survived following administration of artificial respiration. Two small foreign girls were among the victims thus treated. Two Chinese men who committed suicide were also attended to, although they had died by the time the fire brigade had arrived.

The emergency ambulance of the French Concession fire brigade attended 190 calls while no less than 238 premises were inspected by the technical staff of the service.

There were no outstanding fires during the month.

Shanghai "Madison Square Garden"

Orient Stadium Project Mentioned in H.M. Court; Counter Claim Heard

The building of a "Madison Square Garden of the Orient" in Shanghai was mentioned during an action which was heard before Judge P. Grant Jones in H.M. Supreme Court yesterday. The case was one in which Mr. James Augustus Thompson brought a counter claim against Mr. A. C. Davis, Shanghai journalist and shorthand writer, for a sum of $6,072.72.

Mr. Thompson, who is manager of J. A. Thompson & Co., real estate agents, of Szechuen Road, was represented by Mr. R. L. Stuart. Judgment against Mr. Thompson was given in 1936 for $3,262.44 with interest but a stay of execution was ordered until a counterclaim against Mr. Davis was heard.

This came up before Judge P. Grant Jones yesterday and it was opposed by Mr. Davis, who was represented by Mr. P. Watkin Williams. In the original action in 1936 the claim against defendant (Thompson) was based on a promissory note made out to Davis by defendant after a company called "The International Stadium Ltd." had been floated with defendant and plaintiffs as partners.

In the original hearing defendant stated that Davis had signed a slip of paper agreeing to share all expenses and profits of the concern. He asked for a copy but plaintiff locked the slip of paper in his drawer. With regard to the promissory note, he said that the money was used partially in negotiations in connection with the "International Stadium." He claimed that Davis was trying to avoid paying his share of the costs and was claiming a sum which was not part of the profits of the concern.

In Court yesterday Thompson claimed that the costs of the company exceeded plaintiff's claim and that Davis was liable for his share of the costs. On November 7, 1934, he said, Thompson, Davis & Co., general building contractors, etc., was formed and he entered into a partnership agreement with Davis.

Witness was the senior partner, taking 75 per cent. and Davis receiving 25 per cent. It was agreed, he stated, that he should bear office and some other expenses. Plaintiff gave him two loans of Taels 1,500 and $735.63. He admitted this. When asked what Davis was contributing to the partnership, Mr. Watkin Williams replied "his skill and ability."

During a legal argument during defendant's evidence Mr. Stuart suggested that the handing in of a bundle of letters would save time. "There can be no saving of time," stated His Lordship. "People who save time invariably get into trouble. There can be no cutting of corners."

Hearing Adjourned

Between November 7 and November 13, 1934, witness stated, Davis and he became partners in the firm and Davis suggested that they should take over a stadium project from an American named John Herbert Scott with the object of introducing in Shanghai a stadium called "The Madison Square Garden of the Orient."

Witness introduced Scott to Davis. The object, he told the Judge, was to make money by running a stadium where there would be boxing, a skating rink and other things. The company formed would be a British limited liability company. He added that he paid $8,400 to Scott as a loan from himself.

There was no 75 per cent.-25 per cent. arrangement in the project, witness stated. It was a fifty-fifty partnership on profits and losses. This had been Davis' idea and he had made witness sign a paper to that effect. This paper plaintiff had taken away and had locked in the right hand top drawer of his writing desk. Davis, he said, told him that he (Thompson) would not need a copy as he was keeping the accounts, anyway. The hearing was adjourned.

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U.S. $100 @ 7		$1,428.57
Francs	310	$100
Yen	29⅝	100
Guilders	13	100
Rupees	23⅜	100
Pesos	14	100
Hongkong	$28¼	100

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4⅜d.	$ 54.85
U.S. $100 @ 7¼	$1,379.31
London—demand, $1=	4⅜d.
4 months' sight credits	4 7/16d.
4 months' sight docts	4½d.
6 months' sight credits	4 15/32d.
6 months' sight docts	4 17/32d.
New York—demand, $100=	U.S.$7¼
4 months' sight credits	U.S.$7⅜
4 months' sight docts	U.S.$7½

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling ....4 5/16d. U.S. $7⅛
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,, Buying ,, @ 10 1/16 ,, H.H.$100
Local $ (Fapi) selling @ 138 per H.H.$100
buying @ 143 ,, H.H.$100

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

£	Highest 4 21/64	Lowest 4 19/64
U.S. G.$	7 5/32	7 3/32
Yen	—	—

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

SELLING Cash		BUYING February	
£ T.T.	4 9/32	4 m/s. l.c.	4 13/32
G.$ T.T.	7 1/16	4 m/s. l.i.	7¼
Fcs. T.T,	315	4 m/s,	328
Rs. T.T.	23¾	15 d/s.	24⅝

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London pence per std. oz.	21 3/16	21⅛
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	—	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	56.00	—
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NEW YORK/LONDON CROSS RATES

New York closing Rate for Cash	—
Local sellers U.S.$ for Cash	3.97½
Local buyers U.S.$ for Cash	3.98

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 4 9/32 sterling and 7 1/16 U.S.$.

The Interbank market opened with nominal sellers at 4 21/64 sterling and 7 5/32 U.S.$. Immediately after the opening buyers came out at these rates, following the trend of the previous evenings close. Later there were small fluctuations, outport selling alternating with forward buying consequent upon cotton demand. On the whole day, quotations showed a decline of 1/32 in both currencies, the market closing quiet with sellers at:—

4 19/64	sterling	7⅛	U.S.$	Cash
4 9/32	,,	7 3/32	,,	Feb.
4 7/32	,,	6 31/32	,,	Mar.
4 5/32	,,	6 29/32	,,	Apr.

Foreign Exchanges

Closing, Feb. 14.

Bombay Rupee T. T. on:

Japan	79½	London	1/5 31/32
New York	333	2 mths	
Shanghai	26	,, (sellers)	1/5 31/32
Hongkong	83⅝	,, (buyers)	1/6 1/32
		Japan	
		2 mths	
		,, (sellers)	80¼
		,, (buyers)	78¾

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	402.50	Shanghai	4 5/16d
Paris	176.50	Bombay	1/6 1/32
Berlin	—	Hongkong	1/2 13/16
Amsterdam	7.53	Singapore	2/4 1/32
Brussels	23.80	Yokohama	1/2 7/32
Madrid	39.60	,, (buying)	1/2⅛
Milan	77.75	Prague	—
Berne	17.85		

Foreign Money Rates

London: Feb. 14.

Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	1 1/16%
Bank Bills,	6 months	1 3/16%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	2¾%
Fine Trade Bills,	6 months	3¼%
Call Money		⅞%

New York: Closed.—Reuter.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Feb. 13.	Big Prices a.m. Closing		p.m. Closing	
Atoks	.19		.20	S
Antamok	.165		.165	
Baguio Gold	.23		.23	
Batong Buhay	.013		.013	
Benguet Consolidated	5.40	*	—	
Big Wedge	.205		.205	
Coco Grove	.15	S	.15	S
Consolidated Mines	.0035		.004	S
Demonstration	.135	S	.13	S
East Mindanao	.105	S	.105	S
I. X. L.	.375		.375	
Ipo Gold	.12	S	.12	S
Itogon	.285	S	.28	S
Mambulao Consolidated	.014		.014	
Masbate Consolidated.	.105	S	.105	S
Mine Operations	.105		.105	
North Camarines	.10	S	.10	S
Paracale Gumaus	.225		.225	
San Mauricio	.83	S	.83	S
Surigao Consolidated	.17		.18	
Suyoc	.125		.125	
Syndicate Investment	.024		.024	
United Paracale	.31	S	.31	S
Mindanao Motherlode	.0975		.10	S

*—Over Counter.
S—Sales.
Turnover for the Morning: 88,200 Pesos.
Shares Index: (Morning Session) 76.87.
—Reuter.

Silver Quotations

London, Feb. 13.

Conditions in the London silver market were quiet today, with quotations being as follows:—

	Feb. 12	Feb. 13
London spot	21 3/16d.	21 3/16d.
,, forward	21⅛d.	21 1/16d.
,, gold	168/-	168/-

—Reuter.

Cross Rates

Yesterday's Closing

London/New York	U.S.$4.0250	59.627d.
New York/London	3.97%	60.36d.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

After a fairly steady opening the market almost immediately became easy due to various unfounded rumours which precipitated heavy selling. This selling was well absorbed, the market turning quite firm during the afternoon, when a good business was done at prices just below the day's best levels.

Official Averages

1940 High	Low		Today's Averages	Change
285.83	105.32	General	272.04	—3.3
461.85	95.55	Rubbers	450.21	+1.02

Total 725,603 shares, 2,720 bonds.

Business Done

Power 5½% Debs.					4000	88.00
	14000	88.25	6000	88.00		
	†18000	88.25	20000	*88.25		
Central Prop. 5½%					25000	*90.00
S. M. C. 5% Debs.					100000	*75.00
	10000	75.00				
	†5000	75.00				
S. M. C. 6% Tael Debs.					†10000	*90.00
	6000	*88.00	30000	90.00		
Central Prop.			500	18.50	500	18.30
I. I. Trust			500	20.00	2000	*19.90
	500	*20.00	1000	19.90	3000	19.80
	1000	19.80	1000	19.50	500	*19.60
	3500	19.60	500	19.70	1500	19.8[illegible]
	3500	19.90	5500	*20.00	4500	20.00
	1000	*20.25	2500	20.25		
	†500	*20.25	1000	20.25	1500	19.90
	3500	*20.00	1000	20.00	2000	19.90
S'hai Loan			1500	19.20	1000	19.00
	500	18.80	500	18.90	500	*18.90
	500	18.80	1000	18.90	1500	19.00
	†500	*19.00	1500	19.00		
Yangtsze Finance					1500	16.80
	1000	16.70	500	*16.70	2000	16.30
	1500	16.10	1500	16.20	10000	16.10
	1000	16.20	500	16.30	1000	16.20
	500	*16.20	500	*16.30	500	16.20
	500	16.30	500	16.20	500	*16.40
	1500	16.40	500	16.50	500	16.40
	1500	16.50	2500	*16.50	1000	16.60
	†500	16.60	1000	16.50	500	*16.60
	1000	16.50	500	*16.60	1500	16.60
	1000	16.50	2000	16.60	3000	16.50
Int. Assurance			1500	16.40	500	*16.30
	1000	16.30	1000	16.40	2000	16.30
	500	16.00	500	*16.90	1000	15.8[illegible]
	†500	*15.60	500	15.60	1000	15.50
	1500	*15.50	500	15.60	500	*15.80
	1000	15.80				
China Realty			8000	10.10	1000	10.20
	1000	10.10	2000	*10.00	2000	10.00
	1000	9.90	2000	9.80	1000	9.90
	2500	9.80	1000	*9.80		
	†500	9.80	1000	9.85	1000	9.80
	2000	9.90				
S'hai Land			500	17.80	500	17.60
	1000	17.50	2000	17.40	1000	*17.30
	500	17.30	1500	17.40	1500	17.50
	†500	*17.60	5000	17.60	2000	17.70
	5500	17.80				
New Eng. (Ord)			600	30.50	500	*30.50
	1000	30.75	600	30.50	400	30.25
	100	30.50	500	30.25	200	30.00
	200	29.50	200	*29.75	100	29.75
	500	29.50	200	29.25	200	29.00
	100	*29.00	200	29.25	1200	20.50
	800	29.75	300	30.00	500	29.75
	†1400	30.00	900	*30.00	300	*29.75
	100	30.00				
S. & H. Wharf			25	325.00	50	320.00
	25	325.00				
	†25	326.00	200	*325.00	25	326.00
	115†	326.00	50	327.00	25	*327.00
Wheelock			100	85.00	200	84.50
	700	83.50	300	84.00		
	†100	84.50				
C. G. Omnibus			100	27.50	2300	27.2[illegible]
	100	*27.25	1600	27.00		
	†300	*26.75	100	27.00		
S'hai Gas			200	19.70	100	19.5
	†400	*19.50	100	19.50		
Telephone			100	*27.75	100	27.75
	200	27.00	200	27.25	300	*27.00
	800	27.25	100	*27.25		
	†200	27.50	200	*27.25	100	27.50
	1600	27.25				
Telephone 6% Tael Debs.					†22000	*96.50
	†7000	96.75				
Tram (Bearer) £1					100	49.25
	100	*49.25	1000	49.00		
	†400	49.00	200	48.75		
Metal			100	23.00	100	23.25
	600	*23.00	300	23.00	300	22.75
	1100	22.25	600	22.00	800	*22.00
	700	22.25	500	*22.25	200	22.0[illegible]
	300	22.25	200	*22.50	200	22.50
	†200	22.75	700	*22.50	300	22.75
	100	22.50	200	22.75		
Kaiping					100	60.50
	†100	60.50				
Lumber			100	54.00	300	53.00
	200	52.00	200	51.50	200	*51.50
	100	*52.00	200	*51.50	300	52.00
	†1000	*53.00	800	53.00		
Exploration			2500	12.40	500	12.30
	1500	*12.20	500	11.90	500	*11.70
	500	11.90	500	11.80	500	11.9[illegible]
	1000	12.00	500	11.90	500	12.00
	2500	11.90	500	*11.70	1500	11.80
	500	*11.70	1000	11.80		
	†500	11.80	500	11.90	500	*11.90
	2500	12.00	1000	11.90	1500	11.80
Power (Pref)			30	130.25	70	130.50
	20	*130.50	100	130.25	20	*130.50
	100	130.50	100	131.00		
	†50	130.50	50	131.00		
Ewo Mills (Ord)			1100	36.75	1900	36.50
	200	36.25	300	*36.25	300	36.00
	200	35.75	400	36.00	200	35.75
	500	36.00	600	*35.75	500	35.75
	500	*36.00	300	35.75	100	*35.75
	400	*35.50	5500	35.50	200	*35.75
	300	35.75	100	*35.50	200	35.75
	200	36.00	700	36.25	200	36.50
	200	36.25	100	36.00		
	†1600	36.25	600	*36.25	1300	36.00
S'hai Cotton					80	*171.00
China Finance					2000	2.00
	†4000	1.90	7000	2.00		
Alma			400	55.00	300	55.50
	†100	55.50				
Anglo Dutch			700	28.50	100	27.50
	200	28.00				
	†500	28.25	400	28.50	100	28.25
Anglo Java			800	*55.00	600	54.50
	200	*55.00	500	54.50	100	*54.50
	700	54.00	500	53.50	500	53.00
	400	53.50	600	53.00	100	53.50
	†100	*53.50	1000	53.50		
Ayer Tawah			1000	*11.20	500	*11.50
	500	11.50				
Batu Anam			1000	2.87½	3000	*2.87½
	3000	2.85	3000	2.75	1000	2.77½
	†1000	*2.77½	3000	2.80	3000	2.75
	1000	2.80				
Bute			4500	14.00	500	13.90
	†1000	14.00				
Chemor			4000	5.00	3000	4.90
	1000	*4.90	1000	4.85	1000	4.90
	1000	*4.90				
	†1000	4.90				
Cheng			1000	1.58	1000	*1.56
	9000	1.56	2000	1.54	4000	1.52
	1000	1.54	2000	1.52	1000	*1.52
	3000	1.50	4000	1.52		
	†10000	1.54	1000	*1.56		
Consolidated			1500	13.50	1500	13.20
	500	13.30	500	13.20		
	†1500	13.20	500	13.30		
Dominion					500	17.50
	†1000	17.60	500	17.70		
Anglo Dutch					100	28.25
Java Consolidated					6000	7.50
	2000	7.40	1000	7.20		
	†4000	7.30	1000	7.25		
Kota					2000	8.80
	†2000	8.80				
Kroewoek			1000	4.60	1000	*4.60
	2000	4.55	1000	4.50	1000	*4.55
	7000	4.50	2000	4.55	5000	4.50
	4000	4.40	1000	4.45	4000	4.40
	3000	*4.30	1000	4.35	2000	4.30
	2000	*4.30	4000	4.35	1000	4.40
	1000	4.35	2000	4.40	3000	4.45
	†1000	4.45	16000	4.40		
Langkat			600	*37.75	1000	37.50
	300	*37.50	300	37.75	700	37.50
	400	37.25	100	37.00	100	36.50
	100	36.25	100	36.50	100	36.25
	500	36.50	300	36.75	100	*36.75
	600	37.00	300	*37.25		
	†500	37.50	2300	37.25	200	*37.25
	200	37.50	100	37.25	200	37.50
Padang			2000	4.85	1000	*4.85
	4000	4.90	5000	4.80	3000	*4.80
	1000	4.85				
	†2000	4.80				
Repah			1000	2.47½	1000	2.40
	2000	2.42½	3000	2.40	1000	2.37½
	3000	2.35	2000	2.37½	1000	2.40
	†1000	2.35	1000	2.40		
Rubber Trust			1000	14.10	2000	14.8[illegible]
	1500	14.30	2000	14.20	500	14.10
	2000	14.00	500	13.90	2000	13.70
	500	13.80	500	13.70	3500	13.60
	1500	13.70				
	†1000	14.00	500	13.90	2000	14.00
Samagaga					2000	3.25
	†2000	3.20				
Semambu					1000	2.90
Senawang			7000	3.47½	1000	*3.47½
	2000	3.45	2000	3.42½	1000	3.37½
	2000	3.35	1000	3.40	1000	3.35
	1000	3.30	1000	3.37½	4000	3.40
	†2000	3.37½	1000	*3.40	6000	3.40
Kedah			†500	17.10	500	17.20
	1000	17.00				
Kelantan			2000	1.70	4000	1.60
	7000	1.66	5000	1.64	9000	1.62
	9000	1.64				
	†6000	1.66	3000	*1.66	3000	1.63
	16000	1.66	2000	*1.65	1000	1.64
	1000	1.66				
Pahang			1000	9.20	1000	8.90
	†2000	8.80				
Seremban			1000	4.35	1000	4.40
	3000	4.35				
	†1000	4.35				
Sumatra					†100	43.00
Sua Manggis					2000	4.10
Sungala			1500	13.00	500	*13.00
	500	12.90	500	12.70	1500	12.50
	1000	12.60				
	†1000	12.60	1000	12.70	500	12.60
	500	*12.70	500	12.80		
Sungei Duri					400	81.00
Tanah Metah			1000	5.80	1000	*5.80
	1000	5.75	2000	5.60	2000	*5.65
	1000	5.65	1000	*5.70	1000	5.6[illegible]
	2000	5.70				
	†1000	5.70	8000	5.65	1000	*5.65
	1000	5.60				
Tebong			7000	2.77½	10000	2.75
	1000	2.72½	1000	2.75	2000	2.72½
	1000	2.75	1000	2.72½	1000	2.75
	3000	2.72½	1000	*2.70	1000	2.70
	3000	2.65	2000	2.70	2000	2.60
	2000	2.62½	1000	*2.62½	2000	2.65
	2000	2.62½	3000	2.65	6000	2.70
	1000	*2.70				
	†9000	2.70	1000	*2.65	4000	2.65
	1000	2.67½	3000	2.62½	4000	2.65
Ziangbe			100	40.75	200	41.00
	400	41.25	100	41.00	400	40.50
	1100	40.25	200	*40.25	100	*40.00
	100	40.00	700	39.75	100	40.00
	100	39.75	300	39.50	500	39.25
	500	39.75	100	40.25	200	40.00
	†300	40.00	100	39.75	700	40.00
Zoong Sing					†100	55.00
H. & S. Bank					20	‡Hk$1,420.00
S'hai Dock					†50	325.00

ODD LOTS

Consolidated					400	13.40
	†100	*13.20				
Anglo Java					50	*53.50
Tram (Bearer) £1					60	*47.75
Rubber Trust			350	14.00	200	13.80
S'hai Land			100	*17.70	100	*17.70
	100	17.40	100	17.30	200	17.30
Yangtsze Finance			25	16.60	200	16.60
	†100	*16.40				
Telephone					70	*27.25
Exploration			200	12.50	100	11.90
	†300	12.20				
I. I. Trust			250	20.00	250	19.80
	†233	19.90				
China Realty			30	10.30	139	9.85
	†100	*9.80	25	9.75	158	9.90
	240	9.90				
Sua Manggis					50	4.10
Tebong					250	*2.70
Lumber					43	53.50
Ewo Mills (Ord)					30	36.25
Anglo Java					25	53.50
Bute					200	13.90
Ayer Tawah					200	11.[illegible]
S. & H. Wharf					10	326.00
Kelantan			500	1.64	200	1.6[illegible]
Sungala					12	12.80
Alma					50	55.00
	†50	54.50				
New Eng. (Ord)					50	29.50
S'hai Gas					40	*19.40
Int. Assurance					100	15.90
C. G. Omnibus					65	27.00
Pahang					†500	8.75
Tram (Regd) £1					†25	47.00
Tanah Merah					†500	5.60
Wheelock					†25	*85.00
Power (Pref)			†1	131.25	1	*130.75
S'hai Loan					†200	18.90

*—Direct Business.
†—Afternoon Business.
‡—Outport Business.

Indo-Japanese Trade Pact

Negotiations for Renewal Resumed in New Delhi Modified Proposals

Tokyo, Feb. 13.

Negotiations for renewal of the Indo-Japanese cotton trade agreement, which had been deadlocked since Januray 15, owing to India's refusal to reduce tariffs on Japanese goods, were resumed yesterday, according to a press report from New Delhi today.

Both sides were expected to present modified counter-proposals in an effort to pave the way for agreement.

Present Pact

The present pact expires March 31, and the Indian Government already has given notice that it will not renew the agreement on the same terms.

Preliminary discussions for a new pact were begun in October. Opinions of both delegations changed considerably owing to European war developments.

It was understood that at a January 15, meeting between Mr. Torao Wakamatsu, Consul-General and chief of the Japanese delegation, and Mr. Alan H. Lloyd, head of the Indian delegation, the latter declared that India could not agree to tariff reductions or take a larger percentage of imports of Japanese bleached or coloured sheeting.

The Japanese delegation gave notice of Tokyo's refusal to guarantee purchases of at least a million and a half bales of Indian raw cotton or to acceed to the Indian Government's request for reduction in the minimum quota on cotton textile exports.

Original Agreement

The original Indo-Japanese trade pact concluded in 1934 was in effect three years and was renewed in 1937 for three more years with some modification of its provisions. By the latter agreement India undertook not to impose a tariff of more than 50 per cent. on Japanese cotton goods, which meant that under the existing system of Imperial preference not more than 25 per cent. preference could be given British products.

Japan agreed to purchase 1,000,000 bales of Indian cotton annually, in return for which India promised to admit 283,000,000 yards of Japanese cotton textiles. This quota was to be increased if Japan purchased a larger quantity of Indian cotton.—Domei.

U.S. Protest Against Railway Bombing

Tin Exports from China Said Cause of Demarche

Washington, Feb. 13.

A new indication of the probable cause of United States representations to Japan against the bombing of the French-owned Yunnan Railway was disclosed yesterday with the publication of an official report that Chinese tin exports would be utilized to guarantee any new United States credits to China.

Tin Exports

The Senate was expected to vote favourably on the general foreign loan programme today. Sources familiar with Far Eastern trade said that a substantial part of China's tin is exported from Yunnan Province. For these exports the Yunnan Railway is the major outlet to the sea.

China has become an increasing source of United States tin supplies. In 1938 China ranked the fourth source of United States imports of tin. During the three years ending in 1938 China supplied an average of nearly 3,000 tons annually. The United States total of tin imports during that period was about 80,000 tons.

During the first 10 months of 1939, despite the prolongation of the Sino-Japanese war, China shipped 2,982 tons to the United States.—United Press.

Price Inflation Is Fought

Saving Groups Campaign Well Under Way Last Word on the Tin Scheme

London, By Mail.

THE campaign for the savings of the small man is now well under way. Assuming for a moment that the bulk of the £34,000,000 netted during the first three weeks through savings certificates and Defence Bonds were set aside from recent incomes that would otherwise have been spent on goods and services, what more can we expect? No doubt the weekly yield will increase as the savings groups are spread over the factories, offices, and shops of the country, states the Financial Editor of the "Manchester Guardian" of December 21.

There are 213,000 factories alone to be covered and so far only 15,000 groups exist. The campaign is gathering speed and we are assured that the publicity methods recently criticized here are soon to be strikingly improved. What may be doubted is whether this campaign will by itself ensure that the present increase in the incomes of many millions of people will not be spent in increased real consumption. That is the real problem with which the fight against inflation has to deal.

Keynes Scheme

Sir Robert Kindersley, who commands the savings front, said on December 20, that if the saving groups did not succeed there could be only the choice between inflation and "something like" Mr. Keynes's plan for deferred payments. He added that he was most strongly opposed to the Keynes scheme. Compulsion to save, he said, would mean great injustice. It would also "kill the spirit of the nation." Naturally, if general retrenchment can be achieved without compulsion it would be an enormous moral success which would prove invaluable after the war. But it may be added that time is short. Mr. Keynes estimated in his more recent statement on his scheme that the people with incomes of less than £250 a year normally spend nearly two-thirds of all the money spent on goods and services. Many of these incomes have been going up, and the share of this section in the national spending power is now probably greater than it was before. Unless the appeal for voluntary retrenchment can be made to yield far greater results than those of the first three weeks we shall before long be faced with compulsion—by inflation, by wage taxes, or by deferred payments.

Commodity Control in War-Time

The war has upset all the international restriction schemes for commodity supplies which had been set up or revived after the crisis of 1930. Most of the cartels have ceased to exist; others are with difficulty maintained. Where restriction had been liberally applied and flexibly worked, as in the copper market, the producers were able to expand output at short notice to cope with war requirements. Trouble has occurred, however, where the pre-war controllers had aimed at theoretical perfection, strangling output and raising prices in disregard to that old enemy of abstractions the human element. There is a lesson to be learned from the recent difficulties and it is best learned by considering the international restriction scheme for tin, the most comprehensive of all.

Tin Scheme

The tin scheme dates from 1931. Its directors tried to close all the gaps which had proved fatal to previous cartels. They brought in very nearly all the producing countries, obtained the power of law for the decisions of the international committee, and set up a buffer pool to stabilize the world price for tin at a prearranged level. Yet when the test came the very perfection of the scheme completely upset the market and caused dislocations that have hampered the British war effort for three months. It should be made clear that the cause of the recent upheaval was not the policy of the Tin Committee since the outbreak of war, though the Ministry of Supply did perhaps add to the confusion by insisting too long on an artificial price that was much lower than the free world price, thus tempting producers to hold back supplies. The price has now been unpegged, and the committee has increased the export quotas to allow virtually unrestricted production. Angered by the recent experience, some sections of the industry are now calling for the dissolution of the scheme, but they might reflect that the control machinery will come in useful when the present shortage of tin is followed by a glut, and even more when the industry has to be adapted to peace conditions at the end of the war.

A Matter of Principle

If the tin restriction scheme has been the least successful of all in adapting supplies to war requirements the reason lies in the past policy of its directors. It is no idle criticism to harp back on past errors, for the study throws up a matter of principle that is important for future plans. The buffer pool, formed to force upon the market a high price and to keep that price stable, induced consumers before the war to keep small stocks themselves. To be successful, it had to be supplemented by a severe restriction of exports, which impaired the efficiency of the tin mines. The companies considered it uneconomic to invest capital in development work; they did not even maintain their equipment in full working order or keep their labour force together. Thus when war came consumers in neutral countries fell over one another to secure reserve stocks of tin, and many mines could not respond quickly enough.

Its Weakness

In fact, even the strongest commodity control scheme has its weakness so long as in most countries individual enterprise moved by the desire for gain determines economic activity. But the defects might be repaired if the control were to aim not at the smoothing out of day-to-day price fluctuations but at the long-term prosperity of the industry. It must be worth the consumer's while to keep stocks always, and it must pay the producers to maintain their equipment. A limited buffer pool cannot achieve this, but large reserves accumulated in the producing countries under a special quota might be helpful. There would then be no danger of a sudden scarcity, and producers could count on more regular employment. This scheme, too, would have its weak points, but it would allow greater flexibility.

London Stocks

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, Feb. 12.

Home rails moved sharply higher on the Stock Exchange today, despite some profit taking. British gilt-edged securities closed below the day's best levels, though still showing net gains.

Shippings, textiles and rayons were well bought, while collieries were higher on a wider investment interest.—Reuter.

	Feb. 9	13
War Loan 3½% (Red.)	£98¼	96 7/16
JAPANESE BONDS		
Japan 5% Stg. Loan, 1907	54½	53
Japan 6% Stg. Loan, 1924	57¾	56½
	Osaka, Feb. 13.	
Kogo 5%		Y.105.92
COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL		
Allied Ironfounders	14/3	14/3
Armstrong Stevens	6/-	6/-
Assoc. & Elec. Indus.	40/1½	40/4½
Austin Motors, ord.	16/6	16/6
Bristol Aeroplane	14/3	14/6
British American Tob.	100/-	100/-
Cable & W., new form	62	61½
Cammell Laird, ord.	7/9	7/9
Courtaulds	36/9	37/6
Distillers	67/4½	67/-
Dunlop Rubber	31/-	31/4½
General Elec. (Eng.)	79/-	78/4½
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	74/6	75/3
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	13/3	12/9
Imp. Chem. Indus.	31/3	31/1½
Imp. Tobacco	118/9	118/9
Leyland Motors	69/4½	67/6
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	51/9	51/9
Pressed Steel com.	15/3	15/3
Rolls-Royce	81/3	81/3
Smethwick Drop Forgings	13/-	13/-
Tate & Lyle	54/1½	53/10½
Turner & Newall	64/6	64/4½
United Steel	23/-	23/3
Vickers, ord.	20/4½	21/-
Woolworths	61/-	61/-
MISCELLANEOUS		
Anglo-Dutch	25/6	26/3
Rubber Plth. Inv.	33/9	34/-
MINES		
Burma Corp.	9/9	9/6*
Commonwealth Min.	Unq.	Unq.
Marsman Invests.	15/-	15/3
Randfontein Ests.	35/-	33/9
Sub-Nigel	192/6	191/3
Tanami Gold Min.	4½d.	4½d.
Western Holdings	13/1½	13/-
OILS		
Anglo-Iranian	55/7½	55/7½
Burmah	66/3	66/3
Mexican Eagle	5/7½	5/7½
Shell Trans. & Trad.	74/4½	73/9
CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.		
4½% Gold Loan, 1898	£60	60
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	50	50
4½% Anglo-French Loan	50	50
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	30	30
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	41½	41½
8% Stg. Notes, 1925	12	12
5% Honan Rly., 1905	16	16
5% Hukuang Rly., 1911	19	19
5% ,, ,, (Ger. Is.)	17	17
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	14	14
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	20	20
5% T'tsin-Pukow Rly. B.	16	16
5% ,, ,, G.	16	16
5% ,, ,, (Supl. Loan) B.	16	16
5% ,, ,, (Supl. Loan) G.	16	16
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	16	16
S'hai Elec. Construction	15/-	15/-
S'hai Waterworks "A"	14½	14½
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	26½	26½
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	8⅞	9
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	87	85½*
,, ,, 2 (Col. Reg.)	89	87½*
Mercantile Bank of India	11¾	12⅜
Chinese Eng. & Min.	18/-	18/-
Chosen Corp.	6/6	6/6
Pekin Syndicate	1/6	1/6
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	21/10½	21/10½

*—Ex dividend.

British Commodities

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, Feb. 12.

Rubber futures, after ruling firm, closed easier and quiet.

London Rubber: Spot buyers 12 13/16 unc; sellers 12 15/16 unc; Mar. del. buyers 12 13/16 —1/16; sellers 12 15/16 unc.

Liverpool Cotton: American Futures: Mar. 7.98 —8; May 7.97 —9; July 7.94 —8; Sept. 7.82 —8; Egyptian Futures (Giza, F.G.F. No. 7) No. 2 Contract: Mar. 10.23 —10; May 10.40 —11; July 10.50 —10; Sept. 10.52 —10.

London Metals: Tin Stan. Cash sellers £241½ +2½; 3 mths del. sellers £241¼ +2½; Tin, Straits, £266½ +2½; Antimony, China Regulus. c.i.f. per ton, £70 to £75 nominal, unchanged.

New York metals closed.—Reuter.

Local Commodities

Yesterday's Prices

Cotton yarn 20's Double		
Horse	per bale	$787.00
Tungchow cotton	per picul	183.00
		picul
Raw silk, Steamfil, Ex. B 13/15		$5,400
,, ,, 13/15 83%		—
,, ,, 20/22		5,000
,, ,, 20/22 78%		5,150
Wheat per picul (50 kilos) unquoted		
Flour, local per bag (49lb.)		$10.00
Flour, export per bag (49lb.)		14.00

New York Stock Exchange

By Courtesy of S. E. Levy & Co.

While decisive price advances and the first million-share day in a month featured the week on the New York Stock Exchange, it cannot be said whether this was a flash in the pan or the precursor of genuinely revived speculation.

The early placement of war orders is expected, and brilliant earnings may overcome the defeatism born of political apprehension and the current business recession.

The questions are asked whether the dullness means the exhaustion of liquidation or the purely investment phase aftermath of the Securities and Exchange Commission, or if it is part of the current hesitation in the business world.

It is pointed out that the market is duller than in 1922, yet in the meantime the Stock Exchange share listing is up 4½ fold: General Motors are back to the 55 level, where London has sold 50,000 shares.

If there is a favourable Spring ahead, the strength must spread to other leaders. Professionals are playing with low-price stocks like Continental Motors.

We would watch textiles for signs of a business pick-up or curtailment. The next few weeks will diagnose the uncertainties.

The British National Savings Campaign

Employers Urged to Buy In Bulk for Resale

Lord Mottistone, chairman of the National Savings Committee, on December 20, visited Manchester to review the work which is being done locally in support of the new savings campaign. Speaking at a meeting over which Sir R. Noton Barclay presided, he said that everyone should bear in mind that the nation was fighting for the cause of freedom, states the "Manchester Guardian."

We have not gone into the fight from the unworthy motive that it might be our turn next, but because we are a people who, with few lapses, have always stood for the cause of freedom, and I for one am glad that we have taken the stand we have done.

The fighting forces had held up the light of freedom brilliantly. I say all these things, he added, because I want you to realize how important this savings campaign is. It is up to the ordinary folk of Great Britain to provide the sinews of war to enable the brave men of the fighting services to win the fight for freedom. With your help they will win.

Manchester so far had done pretty well but he could tell them confidentially that for the first time Manchester was not quite in the front in this great effort for a worthy cause. But, he went on to say, I am sure that when you get going you will take the lead.

Buy Savings Certificates

Urging employers to buy savings certificates in bulk for resale to their employees at weekly payments, Lord Mottistone said experience throughout the country had shown that employees in many cases were only too anxious to play their part if their employers provided facilities to enable them to contribute to the fight for freedom.

Mr. Maynard Keynes had suggested that those who benefited by increased profits and wages should in certain circumstances be compelled to subscribe towards the cost of the war. This, Mr. Keynes argued, would check the "vicious spiral" of rising prices and rising wages, with wages tending to lag behind prices. I agree, said Lord Mottistone, that if you lend part of your savings to the State you tend to arrest the 'vicious spiral.' But I differ from him when he says that saving should be made compulsory. The taxes are compulsory, but they fall unequally on different families, and if you were also to make saving compulsory you would to my mind be doing an unfair thing."

Save or Spend

Were we to save or spend? The Chancellor of the Exchequer seemed to say one thing and Sir Samuel Hoare another. He found no difficulty in the dilemma. At this season, for example, he would say go on giving the presents you can afford, but let some of them be National Savings Certificates.

As for spending, that grand organ of public opinion the "Manchester Guardian."—"which has always supported me"—(laughter)—had said we ought not buy a thing if we did not badly need it, especially if it could be used for export, and above all we ought not to buy anything that took up much cargo space. So you could buy your wife a new frock and a new hat—[A Voice: They will not take up much space. (Laughter.)]—"but instead of luxuries buy savings certificates."

Savings certificates were a first charge on our national resources—the safest investment in the world. He understood that in giving public assistance some allowance was now made in respect of savings certificates. He could not say how far the principle of making allowance could be extended, but he was in consultation with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the subject, and it would be borne in mind.

Paris Bourse

Paris, Feb. 12.

The unanimous vote of confidence in the Government passed by the Chamber of Deputies yesterday caused the market to open steady on the Bourse today.

During the session, prices lost ground owing to lack of trading but nevertheless closed at better levels than yesterday.—Havas.

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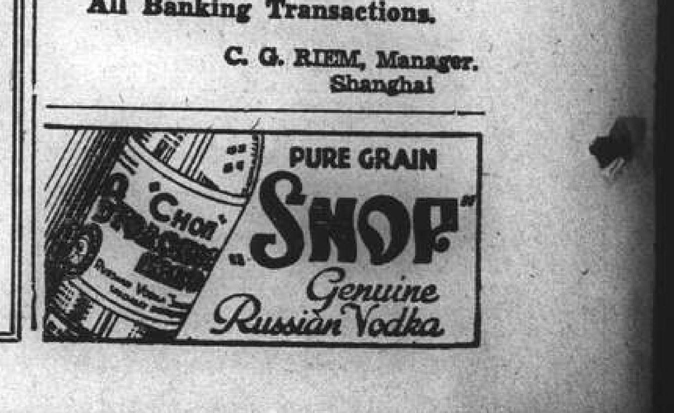

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GENOA MARU ..... Feb. 23

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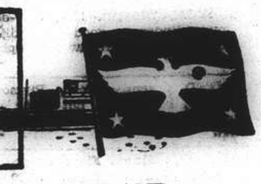

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ss. HOTEN MARU	Feb. 21	Feb. 23 at 9 a.m.
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VESSELS ARRIVING TO-DAY

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From NAGASAKI: Shanghai Maru, with mail, due about 2 p.m. O. S. K. Wharf.

DUE AT FUTURE DATES

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From GENOA
C. B'camano 26/1 22/2
Marin Sanudo 29/12 15/3

From TRIESTE
C. Rosso 9/2 7/3
Monte Piana 20/1 9/3

From SOERABAYA
Tjisadane 2/2 19/2
Tjinegara 9/2 26/2

From BATAVIA
Tjinegara 13/2 26/2

From MANILA
P. Cleveland 5/2 15/2
P. Taft — 16/2
Lexa Maersk 8/2 17/2
Tjisadane 11/2 19/2

From HONGKONG
See "China Ports" below

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK
Mokihana — 15/2
Sophocles 24/12 17/2
Iyaran — 17/2
Sorholt 30/12 21/2
Laura Maersk 10/1 22/2
N. Maersk 24/1 11/3
S. Navigator — 12/3
P. Maersk 9/2 25/3

From SAVANNAH
P. Maersk 13/2 25/3

From PANAMA
N. Maersk 4/2 11/3

From LOS ANGELES
Sorholt 18/1 21/2
L. Maersk 31/1 22/2
Tatuta M. 15/1 24/2
P. Coolidge 5/2 27/2
Kamakura M. 12/2 9/3

From SAN FRANCISCO
P. Coolidge 9/2 27/2
Kamakura M. 14/2 9/3

From SEATTLE
Satartia — 22/2

From PORTLAND
Canton 27/1 4/3

From HONOLULU
Tatuta M. 23/1 24/2
P. Coolidge 14/2 27/2

From KOBE
Sophocles 11/2 17/2

From NAGASAKI
Shanghai M. 17/2 18/2

From KEELUNG
Toysa M. 16/2 18/2

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN
Ruys 17/1 24/2
Boissevain 14/2 23/3

From MOMBASA
Ruys 4/2 24/2

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN
Tsingtao M. 13/2 15/2

From HONGKONG
P. Cleveland — 15/2
Asama M. 14/2 16/2
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VESSELS SAILING

The undermentioned vessels are due to sail from Shanghai upon the dates indicated.

For LIVERPOOL
Husimi Maru 4/3
Hakusan Maru 21/3

For OSLO
Tai Ping Yang 16/2

For GENOA
C. B'camano 25/2
Marin Sanudo 18/3

For TRIESTE
Himalaya 16/2
Monte Piana 12/3

For BOMBAY
Lima Maru 24/2
Tusima Maru 27/2

For CAPETOWN
Ruys 26/2
Boissevain 25/3

For JAVA
Tijisadane 22/2
Tjinegara 29/2

For SINGAPORE
Genoa Maru 23/2

For HONGKONG
Tatuta Maru 25/2
Kamakura Maru 10/3

For MANILA
Sophocles 18/2
P. Garfield 19/2
Laura Maersk 26/2
P. Coolidge 28/2
N. Maersk 13/3
Sophocles 15/3

For NEW YORK
Lexa Maersk 18/2
Ivaran 19/2
Torrens 24/2
A. Maersk 2/3
Sophocles 12/3
Azuma Maru 13/3
Tosan Maru 24/3

For SAN FRANCISCO
P. Cleveland 16/2
P. Taft 17/2
Asama Maru 17/2
P. Pierce 27/2
Tatuta Maru 2/3
Canton 8/3
P. Coolidge 12/3
Kamakura Maru 16/3

For SEATTLE
Satartia 24/2

For YOKOHAMA
Haruna Maru 25/2

For KOBE
Kasima Maru 17/2
Taiyo Maru 21/2
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Shanghai Maru 15/2
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VESSELS LEAVING (Cont.)

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WEATHER, TIME AND TIDE

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 1940 (7th day of 1st moon)	SICCAWEI Feb. 12 16.00	Feb. 12 21.00	Feb. 13 4.00	Feb. 13 9.00
Barometer inches	29.94	29.81	29.96	30.13
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	—0.27	—0.44	—0.26	—0.08
at 32 F. (" " 12 hrs.)	+0.28	—0.40	+0.02	+0.02
Wind (direction)	SE	SE	W	W
" (miles per hour)	17.5	13.1	31.7	29.5
Temperature (Fahr.)	52.9°	53.1°	41.9°	40.1°
Humidity %	97	96	96	89
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	10	10	9	10
Rainfall inches	—	—	0.23	0.01

Siccawei Abridged Report February 12	Mean 1940	24 hrs. variation	67 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.05	—0.18	30.20
Temp. Min. 44.°8 Max. 58.°1	51.°4	+1.°0	37.°9
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	4.38	0.07	2.85

Time and Tide	14/2	15/2	16/2	17/2	18/2
Sun rises at Shanghai ..	6.38	6.37	6.36	6.35	6.34
Sun sets at Shanghai	17.40	17.41	17.42	17.43	17.44
Moon rises at Shanghai ..	9.38	10.15	10.55	11.40	12.30
Moon sets at Shanghai ..	22.54	23.48	—	0.43	1.38
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	13.45	14.30	15.17	16.10	17.22
Ebb. makes Shai. 6 to 18	6.37	7.18	8.10	9.26	10.30
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18	15.55	16.35	17.40	6.20	7.30
Ht. above L.L.W. (feet) ..	7.80	7.32	6.90	6.55	6.52

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WEDNESDAY, February 14.		Reg.	Ord.
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Tinghai and Shenkiamen via Tinghai		9.30	10.00
Hongkong and Haiphong		9.30	10.00
Ninghsien etc. via Chinhai	x	10.30	11.00
Amoy and Hongkong		11.30	12.00
Hongkong and Haiphong		11.30	12.00
Yungkia Wenchow		13.30	14.00
Amoy and Hongkong		19.30	20.00
THURSDAY, February 15.			
Japan and Korea via Nagasaki		*20.00	7.15
Tsingtao and Dairen		*20.00	7.15
Yungkia Wenchow	x	9.30	10.00
Amoy Swatow and Canton	x	9.30	10.00
Minhow Foochow via Santuao	x	9.30	10.00
Aust. N.Z. and Indo-China	Ax	15.00	16.00
Hongkong and Canton	x	15.30	16.00
FRIDAY, February 16.			
Japan Honolulu and U.S.A.	B	*20.00	7.30
U.S.S.R. and Europe via Siberia		*20.00	8.00
Hongkong	x	9.30	10.00
Hongkong		13.00	13.30
Nantung		14.30	15.00

* The night before.
A Parcel mail for S.S., F.M.S., Ceylon, Egypt, and E-Soudan, closes at 12.00 on 15th.
B Parcel mail for Honolulu, closes at 16.00 on 15th.
X Provisional time—subject to alterations.

Air Mails

Imperial Airways Service per steamer on February 15, at 3 p.m. for registered and at 4 p.m. for ordinary due London on February 28.
Pan American Airways Service per steamer on February 15, at 3 p.m. for registered and at 4 p.m. for ordinary due San Francisco on February 27.
Air France per steamer on February 15, at 3 p.m. for registered and at 4 p.m. for ordinary.
Neth. (K.L.M.) Air Mail Service (Batavia-Naples) per steamer to Hongkong.
Royal Netherlands Indies' Airways K.N.I.L.M. (Saigon-Batavia-Sydney) per steamer to Hongkong.
Shanghai-Japan Air Mail Service: daily at 8 p.m.

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Nanking per Shanghai-Nanking Air Line at 9.45 a.m. and 12.00, at Yuhang Road Sub-Office at 9.15 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.
Hwaining Kiukiang and Hankow per Shanghai-Hankow Air Line daily at 10.30 p.m.
Ningsia, Shensi, Szechuen, Yunnan Kweichow, Hupeh (Shasi and west) and west to Hongkong for the Hongkong-Chungking plane.
Peiping, Tientsin, Tsinan, Tatung, Kalgan, Shanhaikwan, Tsingtao, Tungshan, Shihkiachwang, Chengte, Kaifeng, Taiyuan and Yuncheng by the planes of the Chung Hua Air Transport Co. daily at 9.30 p.m.

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Hangchow 11.30 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
North Pinghan and Lunghai Line (Chenghsien and east thereof) 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Wuhu, Tatung, Hwaining, Kiukiang and Hankow 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Remarks: For Europe via Siberia:—Mails for Europe via Siberia are despatched on every Tuesday and Friday per trains via Nanking and Tientsin to connect with the Trans-Siberian trains.

Ocean Mails for Europe and America.

Next steamer mails will be closed as follows:—
Per steamer via Pacific, Feb. 16, due L'don Mar. 23.
Per steamer via Pacific, Feb. 17, due L'don Mar. 23.
Per steamer via Suez, Feb. 24, due L'don Mar. 27.

VESSELS DISCHARGING

TANDA. The E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer Tanda, from Australia and Ports.—This steamer is discharging Cargo at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co.'s Hongkew Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Cargo. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" will further be required to send their Representatives to the Wharf to verify the weights of such Cargo whilst it is being landed. Examination of ship-damaged cargo will be held at the Hongkew Wharf on Tuesday, February 20, at 9 a.m., by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy. All Claims against this steamer must be sent in within fifteen days from date of Steamer's arrival, or they will not be recognized. All risks of Fire etc. at the Wharf and Godowns to be borne by the Consignees of the Cargo. Pro. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents. 15-2

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Tembien	Ningpo	C.I.N.
Pelikan	Ningpo	Reuter B.
Kondor	Sungmen	Reuter B.
Heini	Sungmen	G.F.E.
Bonho	Hsinkong	Don Shing
Myoko	Japan	T.K.K.
Keian M.	Japan	N.Y.K.
Kasima M.	Japan	T.K.K.
Hsingtung M.	River Ports	T.K.K.
Sanko M.	—	M.B.K.
Hoten M.	Dairen	D.K.K.
Daishin M.	River Ports	T.K.K.

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Meinan	Am.	S.V.O.C.
Karsten	Ger.	Chin Dah
Nitii M.	Jap.	O.S.K.
Daviken	Nor.	Jebsen
Nantung M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Chingyang M.	Jap.	T.K.K.

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Guam	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B.
Luzon	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B.
D. de Lagree	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
Fran. Garnier	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
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MEXICO MARU ..... Feb. 23
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Wang Regime Not Getting Results

Italian Comment on New China Government; Wang Reports to Followers

Vatican City, Feb. 13.

The accord between the Japanese Government and the leader of the rump "Kuomintang," Mr. Wang Ching-wei, has failed to break down Chinese resistance to Japan, the "Observatore Romano" claimed yesterday.

"It is not easy to foresee the future of the accord....," the newspaper said. "It is certain, however, that the treaty, while it aims at undermining Chiang Kai-shek's policy, has not obtained, and is not obtaining, the effect of disarming Chinese resistance."—United Press.

Agreement Reported

Complete agreement was reached regarding plans for the forthcoming central government of China at a conference convened by Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the "reformed" Kuomintang, at his residence on Yu Yuen Road at 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon, according to the "Shanghai Mainichi" yesterday morning.

Support and loyalty to Mr. Wang were pledged by Chinese delegates, who were composed of representatives of political parties and factions, and leaders of various circles.

Mr. Wang reported on results of negotiations conducted by his representatives dispatched to Tokyo for consultations with Japanese Government authorities, and on decisions reached at the recent Tsingtao conference.

With preparations for a central political conference thus completed, Mr. Wang was expected to announce the date for that meeting in the near future, added the paper.

Officers Call

Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the "reformed" Kuomintang and organizer of the projected central government of China, invited to his residence on Yu Yuen Road Monday evening Lieut.-Gen. Susumu Fujita, commander of the Japanese forces in the Shanghai area, and other Japanese army officers.

They had friendly conversations on the present political situation, according to local Japanese papers.

Nazi Military Activity In Protectorate

Troop Movements Towards Slovakia; Arrests in Prague

Paris, Feb. 13.

There is considerable activity among German military authorities in Prague, states the correspondent of a semi-official French news agency in a dispatch from the German frontier.

"There are new movements of troops in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia towards Slovakia," he declares. "Hospitals in these regions have been ordered to reserve 50,000 beds from March 1.

"Authorities of the Protectorate have ordered military authorities to organize defence against a possible rising on the part of the Czechs. There have been fresh arrests in Prague, especially among members of the former party of Dr. Edouard Benes, former President of Czechoslovakia," the French correspondent concludes.—Reuter.

Lord Halifax Has Audience of King

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 13.

Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, had an audience of the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday evening.—Reuter.

New Season of R.A.S. Opens Tomorrow

President To Give Annual Address and Lecture

The meeting of the Royal Asiatic Society to be held tomorrow afternoon in the Auditorium of the Society's building at No. 20 Museum Road at 5.30 o'clock will be not only the first of the new season but also the first to be held under the joint auspices of the Society and the International Institute of China, which has entered into an agreement with the Society for mutual cooperation in carrying out the aims of both organizations.

Mr. Arthur de C. Sowerby, President of the Society for the sixth consecutive year, will deliver his presidential address for 1940 and a lecture on "Some Remarkable Animals of China." This will be illustrated with lantern slides and specimens of some of the animals described. Mr. Sowerby is well known as, perhaps, the leading authority on China's natural history, his first-hand knowledge of the mammals, birds and other lower forms of animal life of this country being surpassed by none. In his lecture this afternoon, he will be dealing with many strange animals, some of them fairly well known to the general public, but most of them never before brought to the latter's notices. Some of the specimens of those to be shown, taken from his own personal collection, are the only ones in any collection in China. He also has the fine zoological collection of the Shanghai Museum (R.A.S.), of which he is the Honorary Director, to draw upon.

While on the subject of the Museum, it is of interest to note that during January of the present year there were just over 5,000 visitors to this institution, while the number of visitors during 1939 was over 45,000, which is nearly double the number of visitors during 1938.

The meeting and lecture tomorrow afternoon will be open to the public, the members of which are invited to attend.

Vatican Denies Report Of Appeal to Pope

Execution of I.R.A. Men Not Subject to Intervention

Vatican City, Feb. 12.

Vatican quarters issued a categorical denial today of foreign press reports which alleged that Pope Pius XII was asked close on one week ago to appeal to the British Government for clemency is the case of Peter Barnes and James Richards, I.R.A. terrorists who have since been hanged.

According to the same reports, the Pope refused to make the appeal, stating that in view of the verdict delivered by an impartial jury, he could do nothing but pray for the souls of the condemned men, all the more so since Christian patriotism cannot justify acts of violence.

No request for a papal was ever made, the Vatican quarters emphasized, and the Pope therefore could not have given the reply falsely attributed to him.—Havas.

U.S. Census-Taking Begins on April 1

Washington, Feb. 12.

The regular ten-yearly census-taking in the United States will be started this year April 1, a proclamation signed by both President Roosevelt and the State Secretary, Mr. Cordell Hull, announced today.

It is the duty of every American more than eighteen years of age to answer all questions put to them by the census-takers, the proclamation emphasized. Persons refusing to comply with these laws are liable to punishment.—Havas.

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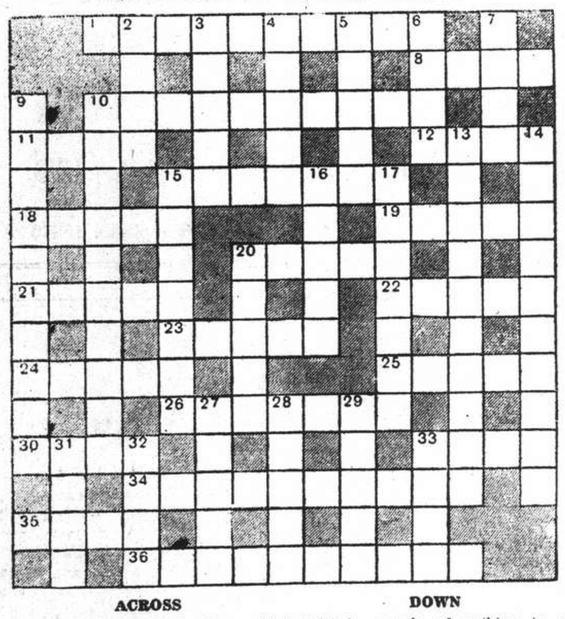
(By Arrangement with the "Daily Telegraph.")



ACROSS

1 Keeping it concealed is often a tie
8 The moulding of American slang?
10 The small boy who has it gives himself airs
11 There are example of it in Fashoda and Wilhelmshaven
12 There are always caterpillars on one species of it
15 Having left, and disposed of this beheaded
18 A sad song makes a high line
19 No animal turned, it is assumed (two words)
20 A song-maker to its reversal
21 Influence shows unsettling advice
22 A support to any manager
23 He could hardly afford to give one a piece of his mind
24 Irish body with end of 15 across doesn't make calm
25 Take the bloom from 36 across
26 Do our diplomats in Russia get tied up in it? (two words)
30 The sand looks it after the sea has gone down
33 Hail oneself in the best place
34 It includes varieties of shells
35 Not the kind of horse to put one's money on!
36 One of the slothful

DOWN

2 Noted example of nothing in an honour
3 Turner's favourite
4 Take the rest of the birds
5 Loose way of putting inebriated
6 Negative advice
7 If this bird were father's it would also belong to a horse
9 Devon provides a possible instruction to one of the cricket team going out to field (two words)
10 Half a league, of grass
13 It gives one a distinct pull
14 He catches tiddlers
15 Just the chap to dog the enemy
16 Mostly a fool, but a credit to the owner
17 Literary concoction of pet lies
20 Led by two
27 Insect
28 Mixed units from Africa
29 One of the family and 27 down upset from India
31 Doing nothing because there's nothing doing, possibly
32 Vessel mostly a tool
33 33 across with a letter upset was a sailor

YDAY'S SOLUTION.—ACROSS: 1, Poundage; 5, Top-hat; 9, Unsettle; 10, Pennon; 11, Glass eye; 12, Prison; 14, Horse-power; 18, Lover's knot; 22, Unrest; 23, Atlantic; 24, Heifer; 25, Describe; 26, Denote; 27, Sturgeon. DOWN: 1, Plunge; 2, Unseat; 3, Detest; 4, Goldylocks; 6, Overripe; 7, Handsewn; 8, Tenantry; 13, Assortment; 15, Ploughed; 16, Aversion; 17, Prospect; 19, Saucer; 20, Stripe; 21, Screen.

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TWO smart young foreign ladies for bar room. Only those with previous experience and nice appearance need apply. Good salary and commission. Apply personally 9 to 10 p.m. to Manager, Honeymoon Ballroom, 40 Great Western Road. 10608

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WANTED a responsible Chinese office assistant who knows steno-typing, bookkeeping and general office routine, must possess a thorough knowledge of English. Please apply stating experience, age, salary expected, with other full particulars and copies of testimonials, to Box 1247, NCDN. -2506

WANTED, stenotypist, half-day. Perfect English, knowledge of Chinese preferred. State experience and salary expected. Box 1214, NCDN. -2445

WANTED a clerk, good knowledge English correspondence. Address Box 1240, NCDN. -2496

CHINESE girl stenotypist, preferably Cantonese, with good knowledge of English. Also bookkeeper able to keep full set of books. Apply with copies of testimonials to Post Office Box 3118. -2439

VACANCIES exist in British Army Departments for two European Stores Accountants, preference will be given to British ex-service men with good knowledge of accounting and ledger experience. Apply in writing only to the Officer Commanding, R.A.S.C., Ash Camp, Great Western Road, stating age, qualifications, experience and salary required. 10767

OFFICE assistant required, take charge of import, must be specialist in metals, shipchandlering and piecegoods. Also good experience in correspondence and exports. Address Post Office Box 2089. -2284

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INSURANCE expert, extensive experience in Germany, efficient sales organiser, seeks position. Box 1268, NCDN. -2534

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CHINESE, 24 years' experience in import, chiefly textile, paper, metals, well-connected with local dealers, capable department charge, seeks responsible position or compradore. Box 1243, NCDN. -2501

RELIABLE experienced baby-nurse, Netherlander, seeks position. Box 1250, NCDN. -2508

RELIABLE Chinese manager with A1 good foreign bank guarantee and foreign firms' references, experienced exports and imports, wants position as manager, representative, or compradore with reliable firm in Shanghai or Hankow. Box 1226, NCDN. -2471

ENGINEER, British, first-class B. O. T. certificate, sailed as chief; several years experience managing workshops, building repairs and running transport, open for engagement. Box 1249, NCDN. 10790

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Personal

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GOLDEN pocket watch, exceedingly smart, for sale privately, at very moderate price. Address Box 1274, NCDN. -2548

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SMART models (lady's dresses), little used. Bust 36 ins. tall 5 ft. 5 ins. Telephone 71235. -2528

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